UC Santa Barbara Library launches repository service for research data

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The UC Santa Barbara Library, working in conjunction with the California Digital Library (CDL), is pleased to announce the availability of Dash, a self-service repository for research data. Dash is available to the entire UC Santa Barbara research community and is free: https://dash.ucsb.edu/.

Dash implements the latest best practices in data publication, citation, and archiving. It assigns to each deposited dataset a DOI identifier, and makes data discoverable through such services as Thomson-Reuters Data Citation Index, Scopus, and Google Dataset Search. Dash is also a CoreTrustSeal-certified repository and satisfies funding agency requirements regarding data management planning.

While submitted datasets may be revised by the depositor, the service is intended for data that is in final and relatively stable form. Per the terms and conditions, the Library will make the data available for at least 10 years, and will work with depositors if longer-term storage is desired.

Dash is just a part of the broader effort by UC Santa Barbara Library’s Data Curation Program to assist faculty and researchers in managing, publishing, and archiving their research data. We will be rolling out additional curation solutions in the future. If your research data needs are not satisfied by Dash, we would very much like to hear from you.

More information about Dash can be found at https://www.library.ucsb.edu/data-curation/repository.