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- **Working with scholars to increase impact and global reach**

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- **Abstract:** Changes are underway regarding how scholarly information is produced and communicated. There is a growing understanding in the library community that it possess stewardship responsibilities and expertise towards open access and the materials that are generated on campus —particularly those of researchers, including community engaged researchers. Community engaged scholars are benefiting when they seek the support systems that are being offered in their academic libraries. The presentation will focus on how researchers seeking to deepen their effectiveness, global impact and reach are being supported by librarians at the University of Guelph in Canada. The Research Enterprise and Scholarly Communication Team was established at the beginning of 2010. From the time a researcher conceives of a research project until after the research is complete, the RE&SC team will work with scholars in the areas of information management, data curation, dissemination, publication, collaboration and long-term preservation. For those involved in community research our team will provide:
 - Consultations to discuss in-depth information needs related to research projects.
 - Assistance with the data management needs of research teams by identifying secure storage, recommending appropriate metadata practices, and consulting about data repositories. We assist research teams in developing a full data management strategy for a research project.
 - Consultations on issues researchers may have as authors, educators, and researchers with respect to copyright law, rights as an author, and the various options available to publishing work (both traditional academic publishing and alternative formats).
 - Support by offering an online presence designed specifically for multi institutional research teams enabling better communications between team members and a place to store data with security and backup mechanisms in place.
 - Assistance in using our institutional repository. We accept scholarly resources, in virtually all formats and media, that are created by, published by, or sponsored by the University of Guelph, its faculty, its staff, its students and selected other affiliated scholars. Priority is given to fully open access collections. Items in repositories are retrievable by web search engines like Google. This significantly increases the visibility of an author's work.
 - An open access platform for the publishing of academic, peer-reviewed journals and an online platform for conference hosting.