# Fostering a Platform Agnostic Data Discovery Community: THE DATA DISCOVERY COLLABORATION

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#### Who we are

The Data Discovery Collaboration (DDC), formerly known as the Data Catalog Collaboration Project (DCCP), is a community that supports the discovery of data and other research outputs, regardless of the software platforms used.

The DDC consists of librarians, developers, and other information professionals who work together to address challenges related to data discovery, including metadata development and standards, software development, data cataloging practices, and advocacy for improving data discovery across the research community.

#### What we've done

Throughout 2020, the DDC established a governance structure meant to better facilitate collaboration and disperse leadership responsibilities across institutions while simultaneously welcoming new members who employ different data discovery systems. A Steering Committee was formed, which has to date accomplished the following goals:

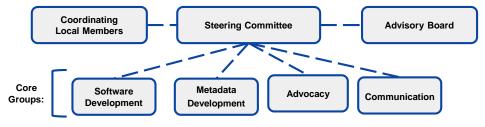
- Created four Core Groups to address specific needs
- Developed new membership requirements both for institutional and individual members
- · Established decision-making protocols

#### Where we're going

The DDC will continue to improve data discovery efforts with the help of a supportive and engaged community, by:

- Supporting and advocating for data discovery initiatives
- Providing peer review support for data record creation
- · Establishing an Advisory Board
- Updating and sharing code for data discovery systems
- · Revising shared metadata schemas to better ensure discoverability
- Investigating and implementing metadata standards
- Co-authoring publications and conference presentations

## **Governance Structure of the Data Discovery Collaboration**



#### **Our Mission**

To enhance discovery of data and other research products in order to maximize their value.

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### **Working Across Institutions & Working Across Systems**

NYU Data Catalog

**WCM Data** Catalog



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**Dataset** Search

**Current Institutional Members:** NYU Langone Health Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center University of Maryland, Baltimore University of Pittsburgh Northwestern University Weill Cornell Medicine Montana State University 

