

CaRCC Strategy and Policy-Facing Call, 2025-02-05

Title/Topic: Round robin discussion and 2025 preview

Abstract: We want to take this month to hear a bit about what everyone is up to and plan for the upcoming year. This session will be a general sharing and free-form conversation about where we've been and where we're going. We'd love to hear about projects that people are working on currently, new developments, or persistent challenges. We'll give a quick preview of our planned topics and take suggestions for additional topics you'd like to see the track take on.

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- **We will record this call** and post shortly thereafter on [CaRCC's YouTube channel](#), however if you would like to make a comment off the record, let us know and we can pause the recording.
- **We expect all persons on the call to adhere to [CaRCC's Code of Conduct](#).**

Announcements

- Welcome to the Strategy and Policy-Facing Track of the CaRCC People Network!
 - [Join the People Network email lists](#). Join the [CaRCC Slack workspace](#).
- CaRCC is your community for research computing and data professionals. Please see [this brief CaRCC overview](#) and more information on [Working Groups and Interest groups](#).
- If you have questions about CaRCC or are interested in becoming more involved, please contact:
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Max attendee count: 30

Notes from the Call

Slides

Campus Research Computing Consortium overview:

Session Notes (anyone can contribute)

- What are your unit/institution's most notable accomplishments related to RCD S&P in 2024? (Lessons learned?)
 - Demand for AI related support and consulting and resources has increased
 - Some institutions do not have the resources to support the new demand if all their proposals get funded
 - There seems to be not enough RCD staff to support all the AI requests and many are coming with highly diverse demands promoted by vendors, which leads to a chaotic ecosystem and wasted time and effort; a coordinated effort would be more efficient
 - NCSA Access program to use Delta GPU environment. <https://operations.access-ci.org/node/593>
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- Are there any (new?) trends you've seen over the last year that you think will impact your work in 2025 (there's the growth of AI/ML, of course, but others like VMs (VMWare cost increases), OS changes for cost/security/compliance)?
 - Future of DEI unknown. + 1

- Researchers changing focus/programs due to data restrictions/confusion
- Elevated compliance requirements for terms of service and data use agreements
- What are some challenges that you are carrying over into the new year?
 - Federal funding uncertainty (seconded) +1 +1+1 +1 +1 +1+1
 - Data Center power, space, cooling consumption is outpacing data center capacities - related cost and potential timelines +1 +1 +1+1
 - Institutional leadership distracted by government “antics” and their related costs to the institution
 - Amount of data being generated and stored and getting buy-in from academic leadership to move towards more sustainable storage funding models +1 +1 + 1
 - Sustainable storage funding models, including long term post-award storage of source data+1+1 +1
 - dbGap, DOE, DoD, NIH requirements for secure environments, policies, etc.
 - Appropriate attention to RDM to ensure researchers can fulfill grant requirements for data reusability, etc. Budget cuts may affect staffing assigned to RDM services.
 - Changing culture of security coupled with lack of staffing
- Is there anything that you're aware of on the horizon that you are particularly focused on or anticipate devoting a lot of energy to this year? This could be anything from national issues or to local campus changes or concerns...
 - Accessibility requirements+1
 - Research Data Stewardship - funding agency requirements for retention and risks to University funding +1+1
 - Related: policy creation around research data stewardship
 - Inter-institutional collaboration for better utilization of resources
 - Working with core facilities for better data stewardship (transfer, sharing, retention)
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- **In-call feedback survey**
 - What are your TOP concerns for 2025 in your RCD role?
 - Budget cuts and funding uncertainties +1 +1 + 1+1
 - Keep up with the volume of Regulated Data projects +1
 - Changing univ leadership and potential impacts on RCD investments
 - Updating the deployment & configuration process to more recent tools, especially as older staff near retirement.
 - Tools for gaining insights into stored data lifecycles at scale. Making data maintenance affordable.
 - State-wide AI initiative/investments.
 - Outgrowing local infrastructure capacities
 - What's in your email inbox now that you need to address?
 - Executive Orders- uncertainty (data, funding, staff, etc)+1
 - Balancing Security's concerns for unsupported or out of date software/compilers etc, with researchers ability to update their code.
 - New compliance requirements from NIH DGS policy requiring NIST 800-171 +1

- Unsupported instrumentation software creating security vulnerabilities. Requires software development resources to update/re-write - no funding. Tying to security initiatives to find funding. Sustainability needs to be core.
 - Data-related: lots of efforts to rescue data; questions from researchers and admins about what we're doing to help with this
 - What was the last presentation you listened to?
 - CaRCC Data-facing call: Insights from the Realities of Academic Data Sharing (RADS) initiative*
 - **Hot Conference topics you want to address?**
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Questions

Chat Comments

Getting involved: <https://casc.org/>

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1st Wednesdays Time: 9am PST / 10am MST / 11pm CST / Noon EST

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