



Webinar

RDA Europe Ambassador programme: The What, Why and the How?

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The Ambassadors - at a glance

RDA Europe 4.0 is offering **financial support to become an RDA Europe Ambassador**

The RDA EU Ambassadors programme offers a series of grants targeting distinguished and well-connected domain experts who can develop a two-way communication and engagement channel, promoting RDA outputs and perspectives on one hand while streamlining insights and practical contribution from domain focused data communities into the work of RDA, on the other.

CALL FOR AMBASSADORS AT A GLANCE

Each grant up to **7,000€**

Number of grants: **6**

Important dates:

- ❖ Application period opens - 5 September 2018
- ❖ Application period closes - 5 December 2018, 17:00 CEST
- ❖ Notification of results - 15 January 2019

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The Ambassador profile

Who should apply?

- ❖ Recognised **domain expert** and **skilled communicator**, serving as conduit between RDA, organisations, and the wider domain specific communities the Ambassador belongs to.
- ❖ Influencers engaging collaborators across different data communities, particularly your domain/discipline specific community(-ies).
- ❖ Members of an active international data community with a good understanding of the European Data Infrastructures landscape, including initiatives such as the European Open Science Cloud; the FAIR movement; knowledge of the Open Science agenda, and how these intend to evolve in Europe.
- ❖ Active RDA members either as participant, chair, or contributor to WG / IG activities, recommendations and outputs, especially in the past 12 to 18 months.



The Ambassador profile

Eligibility criteria and further conditions:

- ❖ Reside/work in one of the EU Member states or Associated countries
Reference list available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/3cpart/h2020-hi-list-ac_en.pdf

- ❖ Previous RDA Europe Expert or Early Career programme winners can apply.
- ❖ Members of RDA governance bodies (TAB, OAB, Council & Secretariat) are eligible for the Ambassadors programme but are required to make a clear division of roles and responsibilities.
- ❖ Not eligible: People working on the RDA Europe 4.0 project (e.g. Governing and Executive Board members, seconded personnel).



Expectations

- ❖ Facilitate communication, engagement and uptake with data practitioners and organisations in their domain/discipline.
- ❖ Talk to data practitioners and organisations about the work of RDA, and disseminate RDA information via informal and formal channels.
- ❖ Reflect back from those groups to inform RDA's future agenda, and make sure input from your domain/discipline specific community(-ies) is incorporated in the work of RDA and the RDA groups.
- ❖ Carry out ambassadorial work according to a detailed workplan that demonstrates impact for the domain focused community as well as RDA. You will disseminate work via discipline-specific and general RDA communication channels, including presentations, webinars, training sessions, surveys, articles and reports.
- ❖ The mandate as Ambassador will start upon the confirmed successful selection and appointment
- ❖ Ambassadors will be supported for the full duration of the RDA Europe 4.0 project (ending 31 May 2020), ideally beyond that.



Benefits to Ambassadors

There are multiple **benefits** to becoming an RDA Europe Ambassador:

- ❖ Grow your network, collaborate with like-minded people and organisations
- ❖ Increase the impact of your work
- ❖ Professional growth and recognition
- ❖ Stay updated on European research data policies and global practices, current and future developments
- ❖ Financial and operational support for your ambassador work
- ❖ Ambassador certificates / badges / official acknowledgement



How to apply?

Details and application form at
<https://grants.rd-alliance.org/OpenCalls/call-ambassadors-i-wave>

- ❖ Call details
- ❖ Application form covering:
 - ❖ Candidate details
 - ❖ Summary of related activities
 - ❖ Statement on how the candidate's expertise is aligned with the mission & goals of RDA
 - ❖ Statement detailing wider engagement
 - ❖ Workplan of activities to be performed as part of the Ambassador role
 - ❖ CV, endorsements & recommendations

Who Can Apply? - The Ambassador Profile

The Benefits Of Becoming An RDA Europe Ambassador

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Evaluation & Selection

The applications will be reviewed by appointed external evaluators (3 per application)

- ❖ Your profile and a summary of your previous and current activities as influencer or representative of a domain specific community (20%)
- ❖ Statement about how your expertise and work with data and the data community in their discipline is aligned with the mission and goals of RDA (15%)
- ❖ A summary of previous and current activities demonstrating your involvement and contributions to RDA related activities (15%)
- ❖ A workplan of activities to be performed as part of the Ambassador role. Reference Key Performance Indicators should be provided for macro-activities supporting impact assessment (35%)
- ❖ Wider engagement with other initiatives and/or national activities (belonging to the European Data Infrastructures landscape, European Open Science Cloud; the FAIR movement; and/or initiatives on defining and implementing the Open Science agenda at national and European levels) (15%)
- ❖ Evaluation will also consider the following criteria to establish balanced and diverse distribution of the grants in terms of domains, geographical or gender balance etc



Financial contribution

Financial contribution (1st wave)

- ❖ The RDA Europe Ambassador programme will offer up to **6 grants** of maximum **€7000** each to support work time, travel, and other direct costs. Ambassador grant recipients will be contracted with the University of Göttingen.

- ❖ **Eligible costs:**
 - ❖ Working hours as recorded in timesheets
 - ❖ Travel costs:
 - Flights, trains and public transport to attend meetings (Economy fares only)
 - Hotel accommodation where necessary; maximum rates depending on the destination (details available upon request)
 - Conference fee where applicable
 - Taxi costs are eligible if public transport is not available
 - ❖ Other direct costs where applicable, e.g. for organising events, printing dissemination material.



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