

DSpace Leadership Group

The Leadership Group is made up of members that contribute annually to the project, along with representatives from the DSpace Community at large who are particularly committed to the Project, including Service Providers.

Leadership Group

The DSpace Leadership Group approves the overall priorities and strategic direction of the program. The Group's responsibilities are:

- Approve the annual budget
- Approve the DSpace product roadmap and strategic plan
- Nominate and elect Steering Group members and DSpace Program Chair
- Vote on significant changes to strategic direction or product roadmap presented by the Steering Group
- Help to raise funds and secure other resources on behalf of the DSpace Program

Composition of the Leadership Group

The Leadership Group is made up of the following 3 groups:

- **DSpace Program Member Organizations:** The largest component of the Leadership Group are representatives of DSpace member organizations that contribute annually to the project. These representatives are either selected or elected according to the ratios noted below.
- **LYRISIS:** One representative of the DSpace Program's organizational home, LYRISIS.
- **Community representation:** Representatives from the DSpace Community-at-large who are particularly committed to the Project, including Service Providers.

DSpace Program Member Organizations

The composition of the Leadership Group reflects the different levels of membership outlined [here](#).

- **Platinum:** Each Platinum member has an automatic seat on Leadership - 1 seat per member
- **Gold:** Gold members elect 1 representative for every 2 Gold-level member organizations.*
- **Silver:** Silver members elect 1 representative for seats for every 4 Silver-level member organizations.
- **Bronze:** Bronze members elect 1 representative for every 8 Bronze-level member organizations.

**DSpace Leadership has opted to allow an automatic seat for each Gold member in 2021 and 2022 Governance Years.*

Other Leadership Group Members

- LYRISIS: As the DSpace Program's organizational home, LYRISIS retains one voting seat on the Leadership Group.
- Community-at-large representatives: 2 Leadership Group voting seats are held for members of the Community. Candidates for these seats are nominated by the DSpace community at large and elected by the Leadership Group.
- Registered Service Providers: DSpace Certified Partners of the Registered Service Provider Program each have one voting seat on Leadership.
- *Ex officio* and/or emeritus members: The DSpace Leadership Group may choose to invite others to join Leadership in an *ex officio*, non-voting capacity.

Current members of the Leadership Group may be found at <https://duraspace.org/dspace/leadership-group>

As maintainers of a global community of users supporting more equitable access to research and other digital content, the DSpace Program aspires to maintain a Leadership Group that is diverse in its representation of geographic regions, institution types, race, disability status, gender identity and sexual orientation.

Terms and elections

- The Leaders are elected for a 1-year, renewable term and there are no term limits.
- The Leadership Group term begins November 1 and concludes October 31.
- Membership organizations with an automatic seat (e.g. Platinum members) select an individual of their organization to fill the seat.

Meetings

- Meetings are held four times per year, with the first meeting of the governance year in November.
- Emergency meetings may be called by any Leadership or Steering member between established meeting times.
- Agendas and meeting notes from Leadership Group meetings are [shared publicly](#).

[DSpace Steering & Leadership Group Meetings](#)

2020/2021 DSpace Leaders (alphabetical order):

DSpace Leadership Group Members		
Tal Ayalon		The World Bank

Pascal-Nicolas Becker	CEO, Founder	The Library Code
Allan Bell	Associate University Librarian, Digital Programs and Services	University of British Columbia Library
Kimberly Chapman	Campus Repository Services	University of Arizona Libraries
Lieven Droogmans	CEO	Atmire
Scott Hanrath	Associate Dean	University of Kansas
Barbara Hirschmann	Head E-Publishing, ETH Library	ETH Zurich
Jyrki Ilva	Information Systems Manager	National Library of Finland
Tim McGeary	Associate University Librarian for Digital Strategies and Technology	Duke University Libraries
Agustina Martinez-Garcia	Open Research Systems Manager	University of Cambridge
Lautaro Julián Matas	Executive and Technical Secretary	LA Referencia
Andrew McLean		Imperial College London
Erik Moore	Head, University Archives & Co-Director, University Digital Conservancy	University of Minnesota
Susanna Mornati (4Science)	COO, CCO, Business Strategist, Business Technologist	4Science
Jere Odell	Scholarly Communication Librarian	Indiana University Purdue University Indiana
		Concytec
Kristi Park	Executive Director	Texas Digital Library
Beate Rajski	Head Library Information Technology	Hamburg University of Technology / DSpace-DE Consortium
Gail Steinhart	Open Scholarship Services Librarian	Cornell University
Maureen Walsh	Scholarly Sharing Strategist	The Ohio State University Libraries
Wei Xuan	Head, Libraries Systems	University of Manitoba