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CoreTrustSeal Newsletter 11-2025

Requirements for 2026-2028 available on website now!

The CoreTrustSeal Board has analysed the feedback received from its community on the proposed changes to the requirements for the next three-years period starting in 2026.

It was great to see that there is a general, positive consensus in favour of the revamping - with small adjustments suggested by the respondents to the survey which have mostly been taken into account.

The CoreTrustSeal Documentation Suite (requirements, extended guidance and change log) have been updated accordingly and are now available on our [website](#).

The new requirements will enter into force in January 2026.

Note that the Application Management Tool (AMT) will be closed for **NEW** applications only in November and December 2025.

Introducing Andrea Lammert

CoreTrustSeal Board member 2024-2027



At the German Climate Computing Center (DKRZ) I'm leading the working group for long-term preservation, which is part of the Data Management Department. Together with my team I'm responsible for the publication and preservation of the, often high-volume, results from the simulation-based Climate and Earth System Science in the World Data Center for Climate (WDCC). The WDCC is part of the World Data System and a CoreTrustSeal certified repository. My interest in standards and quality assessment for research data motivated me to join the Assembly of Reviewers a few years ago. Joining the board is a great opportunity to support reliable repositories in terms of making their efforts regarding active preservation and curation more visible.

CoreTrustSeal @ IDCC26

The CoreTrustSeal Board will attend the International Digital Curation Conference (IDCC26) and highlight the CoreTrustSeal requirements update process, summarize key revisions, and invite continued community engagement as CoreTrustSeal evolves to meet the future of trustworthy data stewardship during a lightning presentation.

The International Digital Curation Conference (IDCC) is an established annual event with a unique place in the digital curation community, reaching out to individuals, organisations and institutions across all disciplines and domains involved in curating data and providing an opportunity to get together with like-minded data practitioners to discuss policy and practice. The 20th edition of the IDCC will take place in Zagreb, Croatia between 16-18 February 2026.

For more information see: <https://www.dcc.ac.uk/events/idcc>)

Call for nominations - WDS Data Stewardship Award 2026

The World Data System (WDS) is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the **2026 WDS Data Stewardship Award**. This distinguished recognition celebrates early-career data stewards who have demonstrated:

- Comprehensive data management and/or curation across the full data lifecycle.
- Adherence to legal, policy, and ethical standards.
- Significant contributions to improving the quality, integrity, and accessibility of research data and metadata.

Eligibility:

Nominees should be within 10 years of completing their Master's, PhD, or equivalent professional training. Nominations are welcome from peers, organizations, or as self-nominations.

Selection Process:

A panel of WDS Scientific Committee members, representatives from the International Technology Office, and ECR Network Co-chairs will review submissions based on impact and alignment with open science principles.

Note: Private sector nominees must clearly show community value beyond profit.

Learn more about past recipients and the selection rubric on the [award page](#).

We encourage our community members to nominate outstanding colleagues—or themselves—who exemplify excellence in data stewardship!

Questions about terms or process? Please email wds-ipo@utk.edu.

Feedback and comments welcome!

Please don't hesitate to contact info@coretrustseal.org if you have feedback or suggestions for us on the tool, process, website or anything else!



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