

DATAVERSE FOR THE CANADIAN JOURNAL OF ECONOMICS (CJE)

- CJE emailed McMaster RDM to ask about potentially using Scholar's Portal Dataverse as a repository for their research data
- Currently research data is uploaded as supporting information associated with a publication
- **Findability** and **accessibility** are the key drivers of their search for a new data platform (essentially, making data more FAIR)

THE CANADIAN JOURNAL OF ECONOMICS (CJE)

- Published by the Canadian Economics Association for high quality empirical papers about the Canadian economy or about Canadian economic issues.
- Publishes around 50 peer reviewed articles per year.
- CJE has an excellent data policy and requires that all published papers submit data and code for review and that data must be shared when possible
- Data and code products are reviewed by the Journal's Data Editor
- Curation activities are being done by the Data Editor including requiring the inclusion of a readme file

JOURNAL NEEDS

- The ability to review and approve dataset submissions
- DOIs and dataset discoverability
 - Researchers should be able to find datasets using major search engines
- Metadata fields to clearly and easily link datasets to publications
- Training of journal staff and authors
 - How to use Dataverse, primers for data citation, data licensing, copyright and permissions for data sharing
- A Dataverse that is distinct and not under an institution
 - Currently the Managing Editor is affiliated with McMaster but the editor serves a 4 year term and there is no other link to McMaster. The journal is not affiliated with an institution.
- Roughly 5 GB per year storage required (100 GB initial allotment)

OUR SOLUTION

- SP Dataverse doesn't have a procedure for building agreements with entities other than institutions.
- In order to move forward quickly, our solution is that
 - McMaster will host the Journal's Dataverse using our storage allocation
 - SP will build a new top level Dataverse for the Journal
- In order to facilitate this we have written a Memorandum of Understanding between McMaster and the Journal

THE AGREEMENT

- The agreement is based on the SP agreement with OCUL as well as McMaster's Open Journal Systems MoU with journal publishers.
- Key points include:
 - 3 year term
 - Training for journal staff and authors is a joint effort
 - Technical support responsibilities for authors should primarily be a journal responsibility (with backup from us and SP when required)
 - Oversight and curation of the research data, including obtaining permission for sharing previously published data should rest with the journal
 - Storage costs will be passed on from SP when extra storage is needed
- We would appreciate your feedback: [review the agreement here](#)