

# Cancer Research Special Interest Group

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The Data Science Foundation will launch a cancer research discussion group within the next couple of months. The idea is to bring together people with relevant expertise and or access to resources and to initiate a discussion on how the group might contribute to work being done in this field. For example, we might have members who are data scientists with the ability and resources to undertake analytics projects and we might have members who are working for cancer research organisations who have data sets, but not the means to mine them. Alternatively, member organisations may wish to fund, or part fund a project.

### Key Points

- Participants must be members of the Data Science Foundation. (Membership is free of charge)
- Participants should possess at least one skill or have access to resources. For this group that could be a data science expertise, medical knowledge, statistics or mathematics ability or access to funding, IT or big data technology, or already be affiliated to an accredited research body
- There are no financial or time commitments, but we would hope that participants make a positive contribution
- Participants will not be paid for their input
- The Data Science Foundation will not benefit financially from this initiative. If a financial benefit does arise, this will be passed on to an accredited national cancer research body
- Once established, information on the groups participants and their work will be published on the [datascience.foundation](http://datascience.foundation) website
- One member of the group will be appointed as group chair and will report back to the Data Science Foundation Steering Group
- One member of the Data Science Foundation Steering Group will act as a Special Interest Group observer

To express an interest in becoming a member of this group please email [chris@datascience.foundation](mailto:chris@datascience.foundation) for further information.

**This is a test initiative, which if successful will be applied to other equally deserving areas.**

## About the Data Science Foundation

The Data Science Foundation is a professional body representing the interests of the Data Science Industry. Its membership consists of suppliers who offer a range of big data analytical and technical services and companies and individuals with an interest in the commercial advantages that can be gained from big data. The organisation aims to raise the profile of this developing industry, to educate people about the benefits of knowledge based decision making and to encourage firms to start using big data techniques.

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