

Sharing New Initiatives & Success from 2023



The Responsible Data Working Group and DSA volunteers ready for a new year of opportunities.

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On February 22, the Data Science Alliance (DSA) brought together our Responsible Data Working Group and volunteers to celebrate last year's achievements and share what 2024 has to offer.

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The meeting kicked off with Executive Director Patricia Lopez announcing that in 2023, DSA increased our number of interns and volunteers, and doubled the number of working group members and donors. We also expanded our project outreach efforts: building upon current partnerships, such as ones with Feeding San Diego and the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank, and forming new ones with stakeholders like a globally renowned nonprofit zoo. Through these collaborations, Lopez said she looks forward to pursuing projects that allow DSA to use data for societal good.

The DSA team also shared progress and next steps for the in-house Responsible Data Science Game project, a video game platform being made to teach and increase awareness of responsible data practices. With the help of our student interns, the project is on track to deliver a complete storyline by the end of Q1.



Working group members and volunteers mingle ahead of the first meeting of 2024.

DSA made an exciting announcement as well—the second version of the Responsible Data Science Framework was published at the end of February through the hard work and generosity of volunteers and RD Working Group members. The document includes updated definitions of the RDS principles and an expansion of content in each section. The new methodology includes factors on anonymization, data lifecycle, model accuracy versus interpretability, metrics evaluation, and more. We are thrilled to provide this updated resource as a tool for organizations and individuals to implement RDS practices in their projects and models.

The meeting ended with a dynamic discussion between the DSA team, working group members, and volunteers on next steps, with the next meeting planned for April 25. If you're interested in learning more about the working professionals in this group, click [here](#).