

# Big Data in Biomedicine -- An NIH Perspective

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## **Abstract**

Biomedical research is becoming increasingly data driven, analytical and hence digital. In recognition of this evolution NIH has established the Office for Data Science with trans NIH responsibility for maximizing the value of this digital enterprise. This effort brings together communities, policy changes and new infrastructure to be applied to existing and new areas of research such as precision medicine. We will review these changes from the perspective of research advances that are underway and highlight how this community can further engage in these activities.

## **Biography**

Philip E. Bourne PhD is the Associate Director for Data Science (ADDS) at the National Institutes of Health. Formally he was Associate Vice Chancellor for Innovation and Industry Alliances, a Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of California San Diego, Associate Director of the RCSB Protein Data Bank and an Adjunct Professor at the Sanford Burnham Institute.

Bourne's professional interests focus on service and research. He serves the national biomedical community through contributing ways to maximize the value (and hence accessibility) of scientific data. His research focuses on relevant biological and educational outcomes derived from computation and scholarly communication. This implies algorithms, text mining, machine learning, metalanguages, biological databases, and visualization applied to problems in systems pharmacology, evolution, cell signaling, apoptosis, immunology and scientific dissemination. He has published over 300 papers and 5 books, one of which sold over 150,000 copies.

Bourne is committed to maximizing the societal benefit derived from university research. Previously he co-founded 4 companies: ViSoft Inc., Protein Vision Inc., a company distributing independent films for free and most recently SciVee.

Bourne is committed to furthering the free dissemination of science through new models of publishing and better integration and subsequent dissemination of data and results which as far as possible should be freely available to all. He is the co-founder and founding Editor-in-Chief of the open access journal PLOS Computational Biology.

Bourne is committed to professional development through the Ten Simple Rules series of articles and a variety of lectures and video presentations.

Bourne is a Past President of the International Society for Computational Biology, an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB) and the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA).

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