

CAREER ROADMAP

How to Become a Data Governance Lead: A Complete Roadmap

The roadmap to becoming a Data Governance Lead: data quality, ownership, privacy, and the path into this foundational AI-era role.

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A **Data Governance Lead** owns how an organization defines, secures, and trusts its data — the foundation everything from analytics to AI is built on. As AI raises the stakes on data quality and lineage, the role has become critical.

WHAT THE ROLE OWNS

- Data governance framework: ownership, stewardship, definitions
- Data quality, lineage, and the data catalog
- Data privacy and classification (GDPR, [HIPAA](#), CCPA)
- The data foundation that AI governance depends on

SKILLS & TOOLS

Data management fundamentals (DMBOK), stakeholder management, and tools like Collibra, Alation, or Informatica. Privacy fluency is increasingly essential.

CERTIFICATIONS

DAMA CDMP is the data-management standard; add **CIPP** for privacy and **CRISC/CGRC** for GRC alignment. Full credential details and salary data are in the [GRC Certifications Guide](#).

THE PATH

1. **Learn DMBOK** and data-quality fundamentals.
2. **Own a domain** — stewardship, a catalog, or quality metrics.
3. **Certify** — CDMP, then CIPP.
4. **Connect to AI** — data lineage and quality for trustworthy AI.

Step — Apply

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What certifications help for data governance?

The DAMA CDMP is the core data-management credential, complemented by CIPP for privacy and CRISC or CGRC for GRC alignment.

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