

Data Privacy Declaration Research Grants and Challenges

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1. General information

Thank you for your interest in the website(s) of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany hereinafter referred to as "Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany". We take data protection and privacy issues very seriously and comply with the applicable national and European data protection regulations. Therefore, we would like to inform you with this declaration about data protection measures and which data we may store and how we use this data.

2. What kind of data is collected and how is it used?

2.1 Data collection by this website

Whenever a user accesses the website, the user's internet browser automatically transfers the following data to the platform for technical reasons:

- IP address of the requesting computer
- date and time of access
- identification data of the browser and operating system used



This data is collected, processed and used for the purpose of enabling the use of the website (connection setup), system security and technical administration of the network infrastructure. A comparison with other databases or a transfer to third parties, also in excerpts, does not take place. The legal basis for processing is Art. 6 para. 1 b GDPR.

The data collected as part of the voluntary entries when you “submit” your idea or entry will be used and processed exclusively for the purpose of processing your submission and to carry out the services you may have requested. The data is processed on the basis of statutory provisions which permit data processing because it is necessary to answer your enquiry (Art. 6 Para. 1 lit. b GDPR) or because we have a legitimate interest in preventing fraud and, where applicable, effective legal defence (Art. 6 Para. 1 f GDPR).

3. Which cookies are used?

We use cookies in order to enable and facilitate the use of the website, for example to optimize the presentation or display of country-specific content (such as in your national language). You can disable or block cookies in your browser software; however, this may result in restrictions regarding the usability of this website.

The cookies that we currently use on this website are listed in the cookie list that is available here:

Name of the cookie	Purpose of the cookie	What information does the cookie collect?	How long does the cookie last?	How long is the cookie to be stored?
ID	Identify a user across requests without sending authentication credentials.	login ID	Session	Session
sess	The main session cookie to identify the user.	Session ID	8 hours after login	8 hours after login
socketToken	Supplementary session cookie to identify the user.	Session ID	8 hours after login	8 hours after login
AWSALB	Technical cookie to maintain session towards load balancer.	Session ID	7 days	7 days
AWSALBCORS	Technical cookie to maintain session towards load balancer.	Session ID	7 days	7 days
mp_703c91dbf55a7d307a70c754b7fc5fb1_mixpanel	Analytics cookie to help understand usage and improve performance.	Session ID	1 year	1 year

The legal basis for processing is Art. 6 para. 1 f GDPR, whereby Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany 's authorization arises from the fact that, on the one hand, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany has an interest in evaluating the website data

for purposes of website optimization and, on the other hand, a concerned person can reasonably foresee at the time when the personal data is collected and in view of the circumstances under which it is carried out (in particular the above-mentioned measures) that it will possibly be processed for this purpose.

4. Is other personal data collected and processed?

Consent of collaborative team: In case you are submitting a team application, you may be asked to include personal information of team members. By submitting a team application, you confirm that you have the consent and right to do so of any individual you may have named as part of your collaborative team in the application forms.

We use your personal data collected in the Research Challenges for evaluating your submission, including to contact you via phone or e-mail (Art. 6 (1) b) GDPR) and to track repeat and multiple applications from the same applicant.

In the event that your proposal is submitted to the Research Challenges, we will process the information you provide, in accordance with this Data Privacy Declaration.

We use your personal data collected in the Research Grants Application Form for evaluating your application, including to contact you via phone or e-mail (Art. 6 (1) b) GDPR), to track repeat and multiple applications from the same applicant, and to use this information to prepare a Research Grant Agreement (contract) between a research institution/organization you are affiliated with, and Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany.

In the event that your research proposal is submitted to the Research Grants, we will process the information you provide, in accordance with this Data Privacy Declaration.

By submitting your Application Form, you consent to such processing and you warrant that all information you provide about yourself is true, accurate, current and complete. Furthermore, you confirm that you obtained the explicit consent of any other persons whose personal data you may provide.

You understand that transmission of information via the internet is not completely secure and is not encrypted; Internet or phone service providers are third parties used for delivery of the messages therefore you understand that transfer of messages via these communications channels are subject to their own terms and conditions.

5. Will my data be transferred to third parties, e. g. authorities?

At Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, those bodies within Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany receive your data that are required to fulfill our

contractual and legal obligations. Some data must be disclosed under strict contractual and legal requirements:

- Due to legal obligation:

In certain cases, we are required by law to transfer data to a requesting public authority.

Upon submission of a court order, we are obliged pursuant to § 101 of the German Copyright Act to provide owners of copyright and ancillary copyrights with information about customers who are alleged to have offered copyright-protected works on internet file-sharing sites. In these cases, our information contains the user ID of an IP address allocated at the time requested and, if known, the name and address of the customer.

In other respects, personal data will only be transferred to state institutions and public authorities within the framework of mandatory national legal provisions or if disclosure is necessary in the event of attacks on the network infrastructure for legal or criminal prosecution. The legal basis for processing is Art. 6 Para. 1 c GDPR or § 24 Para. 2 No. 1 German Federal Data Protection Act.

- To external service providers for data processing:

When service providers get access to our customers' personal data, this usually takes place in the course of so-called order processing of personal data. This is expressly provided for by law. In this case, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany remains responsible for the protection of your data – in addition, the processor may also be responsible. The service provider works strictly in accordance with our instructions, which we ensure by means of strict contractual regulations, technical and organizational measures and supplementary controls.

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany works with service suppliers as processors. These are Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany Group companies and service providers for IT services (e. g. for technical-administrative tasks and for usage analysis), telecommunications, consulting and advisory services as well as sales and marketing.

The data protection regulations for instruction-bound order processing of personal data are complied with.

- To Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany Group companies:

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany may transfer your personal data to Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany Group companies in order to carry out a business relationship with you or for the purposes of legitimate interests. If data are transferred abroad, they are based within the EU or the EEA or in a country which, according to the decision of the EU Commission, has an appropriate level of data protection. In the case of data transfers to Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany Group companies domiciled in other countries,

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany ensures by way of guarantees that the data-importing Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany Group company has been obligated to an appropriate level of data protection.

Beyond this, we do not transfer data to third parties unless you have given your express consent, the transfer is obviously necessary for the provision of an offer or service requested by you or this is provided for by law. We also do not intend to transfer your data beyond this to a third country or international organization.

Your application data will be shared by us with Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany affiliates and partners, including, but not limited to an independent review committee evaluating your application for the purposes of such evaluation.

6. How long will my data be stored?

We store data for as long as it is legally necessary or necessary for the provision of the service requested by you, or as long as it has been agreed upon in a declaration of consent.

We will keep your application data for the Research Grant as long as the Research Grants evaluation is ongoing and additionally 12 months.

7. Do I have a right to information and rectification of my stored data? What other rights do I have with regard to my stored data?

You may at any time and free of charge request information about the scope, origin and recipients of the stored data as well as the purpose of the storage; in addition, you have the right to rectification, erasure or restriction of the processing of your data in accordance with data protection regulations, a right to object to the processing as well as a right to data portability. Please note that there is a right of appeal to a supervisory authority.

8. Can I withdraw my consent to the use of my data?

You have the right to withdraw your consent to the use of your data at any time. Just send an email to researchgrants@emdgroup.com or send a letter to the following address:

Future Insight
Merck KGaA
Frankfurter Strasse 250
64293 Darmstadt
Germany

The data processing performed on the basis of your consent is legal until the time of withdrawal.

9. Who is my contact person if I have questions about data protection?

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Group Data Protection Officer of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany at any time:

Merck KGaA
Group Data Protection Officer
Frankfurter Strasse 250
64293 Darmstadt
privacy@emdgroup.com

10. How long is this data privacy declaration valid?

This data privacy declaration is up-to-date and dates from 07. January 2023. We reserve the right to amend the data privacy declaration at any time with effect for the future, in particular to adapt it to a further development of the website or the implementation of new technologies.