



## Wellcome Grants Privacy Statement

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Information on how we collect, store and use personal information in connection with Wellcome Collection, when you visit our offices and websites, participate in Wellcome events, subscribe to our e-newsletter and updates or apply for a Wellcome job, is set out in our main [Wellcome Privacy Statement](#).

We will only use personal information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we collect and use your information where it is necessary for us to pursue our legitimate interests (or those of a third-party) where your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests.

It is important that you read this Privacy Statement so that you are aware of how and why we are using your information. This Statement should be read alongside our attached [Confidentiality Statement](#).

For ease of reference, we have broken our Privacy Statement down into the following click-through sections:

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Where necessary, we make changes to this Statement so please check from time to time for any updates.

The Wellcome Trust Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales (company number 2711000) (as trustee of the Wellcome Trust (a registered charity with number 210183)) (“**Wellcome**”).

Wellcome is the “data controller” of your personal information. This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal information about you.

If you have any questions about this Statement or how we handle your personal information, please contact Wellcome’s Data Protection Officer:

Data Protection Officer  
Wellcome Trust  
215 Euston Road  
London NW1 2BE  
United Kingdom  
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Further information on data protection law can be found here: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public>

## 1. The kind of information we hold about you, how we collect and use it and our legal basis for doing so

Your personal data, or personal information, is any information about you from which you can be identified. It does not include information where your identity has been removed (anonymised data).

We collect, store and use a range of personal information relating to grant applicants, grantholders, grant participants, staff employed through grants and external reviewers and advisors (e.g. peer reviewers and committee members) in connection with awarding and managing grants and monitoring, evaluating, researching and learning about what Wellcome funds and how we fund it. This sometimes includes certain “special categories” of more sensitive personal information which require a higher level of protection under data protection law.

We will only use your personal data when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your personal information in the following circumstances:

- Where it is necessary for us to pursue our legitimate interests (or those of a third-party) where your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests. For more information about how we balance our legitimate interests with your interests as an individual, please contact our [Data Protection Officer](#);
- Where, as applicable, you have given us your consent to use the diversity monitoring information you provide to us, or to send you marketing communications.

Where we use your information on the basis of your consent, you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by: in the case of diversity monitoring information collected through Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker, logging into your Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker portal account and selecting ‘prefer not to say’ against the relevant question under the ‘manage my details’ section, in the case of marketing communications, unsubscribing using the ‘unsubscribe option’ in communications sent to you, or by logging into your

Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker portal account and unticking the relevant box under the 'manage my details' section or by contacting our [Data Protection Officer](#).

We set out below a description of the personal information we collect, the ways we use your information, and the legal basis on which we do this. Where we are using your information on the basis that we are pursuing our legitimate interests, we have also identified what our legitimate interests are. Further information on this is available from our [Data Protection Officer](#).

### **(a) When you are considering applying for a Wellcome grant**

**You may choose to give us certain information about** you when you are considering applying for Wellcome funding (at the pre-application stage) such as:

- your name;
- contact phone number;
- email address;
- CV including education/training and career history;
- details of your proposal.

**Where necessary, we also collect additional information about you** from external sources e.g. grant outputs such as publications and works, patents, clinical trials as well as citations of these outputs collected from sources such as publicly or privately curated databases e.g. Europe PMC. We also collect information about you in specific circumstances from external reviewers or advisors where a formal decision is required prior to invitation to a full application.

**We use your information for:**

- assessing your eligibility and suitability for Wellcome funding;
- understanding your proposed application;
- corresponding with you to advise you on your proposed application.

**We use your information in this way on the legal basis that** we need to, to pursue our legitimate interests as a funder (and your interests as an applicant) to provide advice and support to those seeking Wellcome funding, in furtherance of our charitable aims. For more information about how we balance our legitimate interests with your interests as an individual, please contact our [Data Protection Officer](#).

### **(b) When you are applying for a Wellcome grant**

**Where necessary, we collect the following information from you**, as a lead applicant or participant (e.g. co-investigator, sponsor, supervisor, collaborator), when you apply for a grant, including via our grants application and management system, Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker:

- first name, last name, title, ORCID ID;
- nationality;
- address, email address and telephone numbers;
- CV including education/training and career history;
- information relating to career breaks. We will not request or hold information that is considered special category personal data such as health-related information;
- letters of support;
- details of proposal;
- with your consent, information relating to date of birth, gender, ethnicity and race and disability for diversity monitoring purposes (see: [How we use diversity monitoring information](#) below).

**Where necessary, we also collect additional information about you** relating to your application from external sources e.g. grant outputs such as publications and works, patents, clinical trials as well as citations of these outputs collected from sources such as publicly or privately curated databases e.g. Europe PMC. Where necessary, we also

collect information about you (including opinions about your application) from external reviewers and advisors (e.g. peer reviewers and committee members).

**We use your information for:** A) Awarding and managing grants, and B) Analysis of what Wellcome funds and how we fund it.

### **A) Awarding and managing grants**

We use your information for:

- setting up and administering your user account on Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker (providing you with a username and password) so that you can submit your application;
- processing your application and assessing your eligibility and suitability for Wellcome funding;
- reviewing your application both internally and externally using external reviewers or advisors (e.g. peer reviewers and committee members);
- contacting you about your application; and
- administering our grants system (including troubleshooting, testing, system maintenance and support).

**Where necessary, we share your information** for these purposes with individuals and organisations outside Wellcome who are connected to or working on behalf of Wellcome, some of whom may be based outside of the UK and the EEA, (in which case please see [International transfers of your information- outside of the UK and the European Economic Area \(EEA\) below](#)), including:

- other funding partners (e.g. NHS, Research Councils, Royal Society) for assessment, monitoring and reporting purposes under the terms of our partnership;
- other parties who may be interested in funding (including co-funding) certain Wellcome grants or schemes for the purpose of helping decide whether those parties will provide such funding;
- external consultants who are engaged by Wellcome to process applications and assess your eligibility and suitability for Wellcome funding; and
- external reviewers and advisors (e.g. peer reviewers and committee members) who may be based at academic institutes or in the private sector, for the purpose of reviewing your application and making funding recommendations.

See [How we share your information](#) for further details on how your information is shared.

**We use your information in this way on the legal basis that** it is necessary for us to pursue our legitimate interests as a funder (and the interests of those we fund) in providing grant funding. For more information about how we balance our legitimate interests with your interests as an individual, please contact our [Data Protection Officer](#).

Where you have given us your opt-in consent via Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker, we also contact you about other Wellcome activities and events that may be of interest such as informing you about other funding opportunities or Wellcome events (including events at Wellcome Collection). For this purpose, we share your information with our third-party service providers to contact you and register you for events and activities. See [How we share your information](#) for further details on how your information is shared.

### **B) Analysis of what Wellcome funds and how we fund it**

We use your information for:

- monitoring and reporting purposes e.g. award rates and trends in application decisions;
- evaluating and reporting purposes (where it could be combined with other data) e.g. the fairness and efficiency of application decisions. For evaluation purposes, where necessary, we invite you to provide feedback on your experience of applying for Wellcome funding and how we might improve the way we do things; and
- research, learning and reporting purposes (where it could be combined with other data) e.g. to determine the geographical reach of institutions that Wellcome funds or directly interacts with relative to our peer funding organisations. We also use your information in the development of software tools that enable us to analyse what we are funding.

**Where necessary, we share your information** for these purposes with individuals and organisations outside Wellcome who are connected to or working on behalf of Wellcome, some of whom may be based outside of the UK and the EEA, (in which case please see [International transfers of your information- outside of the UK and the European Economic Area \(EEA\)](#) below), including:

- other funding partners academic and commissioned commercial researchers investigating research questions related to our funding mechanisms; and
- academic and commercial evaluators commissioned to evaluate areas such as the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of our funding and the research we fund.

See [How we share your information](#) for further details on how your information is shared.

**We use your information in this way on the legal basis that** we need to, to pursue our legitimate interest as a funder (and the legitimate interests of those we fund) to understand what Wellcome funds and how we fund it. For more information about how we balance our legitimate interests with your interests as an individual, please contact our [Data Protection Officer](#).

**With your consent, we also publish on our website** funding application information for certain schemes (i.e. your project title, name and details of your proposal plus a short summary of whether or not you have been awarded Wellcome funding).

**(c) When you are a Wellcome grantholder or a participant on an awarded grant (both during, and after completion of, the award)**

**Where necessary, we collect the following information from you:** in addition to the information we hold from the grant application stage, on lead applicants and participants on a grant, once a Wellcome grant is awarded, we collect the following additional information for the ongoing management of a Wellcome grant:

- bank details to award and administer your grant;
- quarterly and end of grant spend information;
- annual and end of grant information which may contain information about you as a grantholder or participant on a grant, as well as details of the progress and outputs of your grant or information collected routinely as part of project oversight or monitoring;
- information relating to post-award issues such as requests for supplements or extensions due to unforeseen delays, parental leave, sick leave or other such circumstances. We will not request or hold information that is considered special category personal data such as health-related information
- survey information collected during or after completion of the award e.g. Wellcome Trust Career Tracker;
- with your consent, information relating to date of birth, gender, ethnicity and race and disability for diversity monitoring purposes (see: [How we use diversity monitoring information](#) below).

**Where necessary, we also collect additional information about you** relating to your grant, from external sources e.g. grant outputs such as publications and works, patents, clinical trials as well as citations of these outputs collected from sources such as publicly or privately curated databases e.g. Europe PMC. We also collect information about you from external reviewers and advisors e.g. committee members.

**We use your information for:** A) Awarding and managing grants, B) Analysis of what Wellcome funds and how we fund it, and C) Offering external reviewer opportunities

**A) Awarding and managing grants**

**We use your information for:**

- administering and managing your grant;
- setting up and administering you or your organisation's user account on Wellcome Trust Grant

Tracker so that we can manage the funds on your grant;

- monitoring the progress of your grant and ensuring that funds awarded are being applied in accordance with our grant conditions, notifying you about changes to our grant schemes, conditions, policies or privacy terms;
- inviting you to attend or participate in meetings run by Wellcome or that Wellcome are involved in which are of relevance to your grant, e.g. Fellow's meetings;
- as a user of Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker, administering the grants system (including troubleshooting, testing, system maintenance and support);
- keeping in touch with you about your grant. This includes sending you update emails to share information relevant to your grant (e.g. grant condition changes, Wellcome policy and position statement updates); and
- contacting you for feedback and suggestions for improvements on the way we do things that would benefit you as a Wellcome grantholder.

**Where necessary, we share your information** with individuals and organisations outside Wellcome who are connected to or working on behalf of Wellcome, some of whom may be based outside of the UK and the EEA (in which case please see [International transfers of your information- outside of the UK and the European Economic Area \(EEA\) below](#)), including:

- other funding partners (e.g. UK Research Councils, Royal Society) for monitoring and reporting purposes under the terms of our partnership;
- other parties who may be interested in funding (including co-funding) certain Wellcome grants or schemes for the purpose of helping decide whether those parties will provide such funding; and
- external reviewers and advisors (e.g. project oversight groups, grant monitors, evaluation specialists) for the purpose of reviewing, monitoring or evaluating your grant.

See [How we share your information](#) for further details on how your information is shared.

**We also publish information**, such as grantholder name and application title on our corporate website, and external websites such as 360 Giving, Europe PMC and ORCID.

**We use your information in this way on the legal basis that** it is necessary for us to pursue our legitimate interests as a funder (and the interests of those we fund) to ensure that awarded funds are applied for their approved purposes in accordance with our grant conditions, that grantholders receive the support they require from Wellcome and that Wellcome-funded grant activities achieve their outcomes. For more information about how we balance our legitimate interests with your interests as an individual, please contact our [Data Protection Officer](#).

Where you have given us your opt-in consent via Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker and a contact email address, we also contact you about other Wellcome activities and events that may be of interest such as informing you about other funding opportunities or Wellcome events (including events at Wellcome Collection) and other relevant funding opportunities and non-commercial events from external partners. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by using the 'unsubscribe' option in the email sent to you. For this purpose, we share your information with our third-party service providers to contact you and register you for events and activities. See [How we share your information](#) for further details on how your information is shared.

## **B) Analysis of what Wellcome funds and how we fund it**

We use your information for:

- monitoring and reporting purposes e.g. trends in funding areas for our awarded grants;
- evaluating and reporting purposes (where it could be combined with other data) e.g. impact and reach of Wellcome funding; and
- research, learning and reporting purposes (where it could be combined with other data) e.g. to compare demographic make-up of Wellcome's funding areas or to determine how sponsors are used

to optimise the outputs from the award. We also use your information in the development of software tools that enable us to analyse what we are funding.

**Where necessary, we share your information** for these purposes with individuals and organisations outside Wellcome who are connected to or working on behalf of Wellcome, some of whom may be based outside of the UK and the EEA, (in which case please see [International transfers of your information- outside of the UK and the European Economic Area \(EEA\) below](#)), including:

- Researchfish so that an account can be set up for you as a grantholder to enable you to report the outputs/outcomes of your research to us. For further information on the information we share with Researchfish and how this is used see: <https://www.researchfish.net/>;
- host institutions for the purpose of facilitating the collection and sharing of research outcomes/outputs data e.g. via Researchfish;
- other commercial entities within the monitoring and impact sector including Uber Dimensions;
- other funding partners, academic and commissioned commercial researchers investigating research questions related to our funding mechanisms;
- academic and commercial evaluators commissioned to evaluate areas such as the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of our funding and the research we fund.

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**With your consent, we also publish on our website** funding application information for certain schemes (i.e. your project title, name and details of your proposal plus a short summary of whether or not you have been awarded Wellcome funding).

### **C) External reviewer opportunities**

We might also use your information to:

- contact you to offer you the opportunity to act as an external reviewer or advisor (e.g. committee member or peer reviewer) on other applications for Wellcome funding.

**We use your information in this way on the legal basis that** it is necessary for us to pursue our legitimate interest as a funder to ensure that applications for Wellcome funding are peer reviewed and appraised by subject matter experts to ensure that appropriate funding decisions are made. For more information about how we balance our legitimate interests with your interests as an individual, please contact our [Data Protection Officer](#).

### **(d) Where you are a participant on a Wellcome grant: misconduct, change of status information**

As a participant involved in Wellcome funding (e.g. co-investigator, sponsor, supervisor, collaborator), research staff member, student, fieldworker, collaborator, consultant, or sub-awardee, Wellcome advisory committee member, we also collect the following information from Wellcome-funded organisations:

- information about you that Wellcome-funded organisations are required to provide to us (under our grant conditions) relating to misconduct, a change to your status (as a grantholder) or any other behaviour or actions relating to you that may adversely affect the grant activities or compliance with our grant conditions.

**We use this information** to check that such claims are investigated appropriately and that appropriate sanctions are applied where claims are upheld.

**We use your information in this way on the legal basis that** we need to, to pursue our legitimate interest as a funder of ensuring that: awarded funds are applied for their approved purposes in accordance with our grant conditions, grantholders receive the support they require from Wellcome, Wellcome-funded grant activities achieve their outcomes, and appropriate sanctions are in place to mitigate any risks to Wellcome-funded activities and individuals.

### **(e) Where you are a staff member employed through a Wellcome-funded grant**

**We collect the following information from you** through annual progress or end of grant reports:

- name;
- role on grant;
- email address;
- ORCID ID.

**Where necessary, we also collect additional information about you** relating to the grant you are on from external sources e.g. grant outputs such as publications and works, patents, clinical trials as well as citations of these outputs collected from sources such as publicly or privately curated databases e.g. Europe PMC.

**Where necessary, we also collect the following additional information from you:**

- through a diversity monitoring survey where the information will be collected on an anonymous basis i.e. information relating to date of birth, gender, ethnicity and race and disability for diversity monitoring purposes;
- when you register to attend a Wellcome-hosted event for researchers. Where necessary, we ask for your name, email address, and contract start- and end-date.

**We use your information for:** A) Awarding and managing grants, and B) Analysis of what Wellcome funds and how we fund it.

#### **A) Awarding and managing**

**grants We use your information:**

- to better understand the research workforce we support through our grants and their research careers;
- to contact you to ask you to complete an anonymous diversity monitoring questionnaire, to understand the diversity of those working on Wellcome-funded grants; and
- to invite you to attend or participate in meetings run by Wellcome or that Wellcome is involved in which are of relevance to your grant, e.g. Fellow's meetings.

**Where necessary, we share your information** for this purpose with our funding partners, some of whom may be based outside of the UK and the EEA, (in which case please see [International transfers of your information- outside of the UK and the European Economic Area \(EEA\) below](#)). See [How we share your information](#) for further details on how your information is shared.

**We use your information in this way on the legal basis that** it is necessary for us to pursue our legitimate interests as a funder (and the interests of those we fund) to ensure that awarded funds are applied for their approved purposes in accordance with our grant conditions, that grantholders receive the support they require from Wellcome and that Wellcome-funded grant activities achieve their outcomes. For more information about how we balance our legitimate interests with your interests as an individual, please contact our [Data Protection Officer](#).

#### **B) Analysis of what Wellcome funds and how we fund it**

**We use your information for:**

- monitoring and reporting purposes e.g. inform Wellcome's work around diversity and inclusion amongst the individuals we fund through our grants;
- evaluating and reporting purposes (where it could be combined with other data); and



- research, learning and reporting purposes (where it could be combined with other data) e.g. to investigate how training requirements can be optimised with institutional support.

**Where necessary, we share your information** with individuals and organisations outside Wellcome who are connected to or working on behalf of Wellcome, some of whom may be based outside of the UK and the EEA, (in which case please see [International transfers of your information- outside of the UK and the European Economic Area \(EEA\) below](#)), including:

- other funding partners, academic and commissioned commercial researchers investigating research questions related to our funding mechanisms; and
- academic and commercial evaluators commissioned to evaluate areas such as the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of our funding and the research we fund.

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**We use your information in this way on the legal basis that** we need to, to pursue our legitimate interest as a funder (and the legitimate interests of those we fund) to understand what Wellcome funds and how we fund it. For more information about how we balance our legitimate interests with your interests as an individual, please contact our [Data Protection Officer](#).

### **(f) Where you are a peer reviewer**

**We collect the following information about you** from third parties who recommend you, institution websites and other external sources e.g. grant outputs such as publications and works, as well as citations of these outputs collected from sources such as publicly or privately curated databases e.g. Europe PMC:

- name and email address;
- organisation;
- area of expertise.

**We use your information for:** A) Awarding and managing grants, and B) Analysis of what Wellcome funds and how we fund it.

#### **A) Awarding and managing grants**

We use your information to:

- determine your suitability as a reviewer;
- contact you to invite you to participate in peer review;
- send you a link via email to review relevant application material via Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker;
- receive back from you the details of your peer review which we will share with our external reviewers or advisors e.g. committee members and also feedback to our applicants anonymously;
- otherwise correspond with you in connection with peer reviewing an application; and
- contact you for feedback and suggestions for improvements on the way we do things that would benefit you as a peer reviewer.

**Where necessary, we share your information** with individuals and organisations outside Wellcome who are connected to or working on behalf of Wellcome, some of whom may be based outside of the UK and the EEA (in which case please see [International transfers of your information- outside of the UK and the European Economic Area \(EEA\) below](#)), including:

- other funding partners (e.g. NHS, Research Councils, Royal Society) for assessment, monitoring and reporting purposes under the terms of our partnership; and
- external reviewers or advisors (e.g. committee members) for the purpose of reviewing and making funding recommendations.

See [How we share your information](#) for further details on how your information is shared.

**We will attribute your review:** if you provide a review we will list your name as a peer reviewer on our website in recognition of your contribution to our work and where possible include your name in a letter of thanks to a senior member of your organisation, unless you inform us that you do not wish to be acknowledged in this way.

**We use your information in this way on the legal basis that** we are pursuing our legitimate interests as a funder (and those we fund) in obtaining peer review of Wellcome applications by subject matter experts to ensure that appropriate funding decisions are made. For more information about how we balance our legitimate interests with your interests as an individual, please contact our [Data Protection Officer](#).

## **B) Analysis of what Wellcome funds and how we fund**

**it We use your information for:**

- monitoring and reporting purposes e.g. trends in nationality of Wellcome peer reviewers;
- evaluating and reporting purposes (where it could be combined with other data) e.g. effectiveness of peer review in awarding grants that yield high impact research; and
- research, learning and reporting purposes (where it could be combined with other data) e.g. to compare funding decisions relating to different peer reviewer mechanisms.

**Where necessary, we share your information** with individuals and organisations outside Wellcome who are connected to or working on behalf of Wellcome, some of whom may be based outside of the UK and the EEA (in which case please see [International transfers of your information- outside of the UK and the European Economic Area \(EEA\) below](#)), including:

- other funding partners, academic and commissioned commercial researchers investigating research questions related to our funding mechanisms; and
- academic and commercial evaluators commissioned to evaluate areas such as the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of our funding and the research we fund.

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**We use your information in this way on the legal basis that** we need to, to pursue our legitimate interest as a funder (and the legitimate interests of those we fund) to understand what Wellcome funds and how we fund it. For more information about how we balance our legitimate interests with your interests as an individual, please contact our [Data Protection Officer](#).

## **(g) Where you are an external advisor e.g. committee member**

**We collect the following information from you** some of which we are likely to hold already if you have previously interacted with Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker:

- name, contact email, address, bank details to pay you for your services as a committee member;
- biographical information such as area of expertise; and
- with your consent, we also collect the following information for diversity monitoring purposes (see [How we use diversity monitoring information below](#)): date of birth, gender, ethnicity and race and disability information.

**We also collect additional information about you** relating to your role as an external advisor from external sources e.g. grant outputs such as publications and works, as well as citations of these outputs collected from sources such as publicly or privately curated databases e.g. Europe PMC.

**We use your information for:** A) Awarding and managing grants, and B) Analysis of what Wellcome funds and how we fund it.

## A) Awarding and managing grants

We use the information we hold on you to:

- understand your areas of expertise;
- administer our relationship with you as an external advisor, including (if you don't already have an account, creating a Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker account for you);
- correspond with you about committee meetings and proceedings;
- assess any potential conflicts of interest;
- as a user of Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker, administer the grants system (including troubleshooting, testing, system maintenance and support); and
- contact you for feedback and suggestions for improvements on the way we do things that would benefit you as a committee member.

**Where necessary, we share your information** for these purposes with individuals and organisations outside Wellcome who are connected to or working on behalf of Wellcome, some of whom may be based outside of the UK and the EEA (in which case please see [International transfers of your information- outside of the UK and the European Economic Area \(EEA\) below](#)), including:

- other funding partners (e.g. NHS, Research Councils, Royal Society) for assessment, monitoring and reporting purposes under the terms of our partnership; and
- other external advisors (e.g. committee members) for the purpose of reviewing and making funding recommendations.

See [How we share your information](#) for further details on how your information is shared.

**We use your information in this way on the legal basis that** it is necessary for us as a funder to manage Wellcome committees to ensure that they operate appropriately and that ultimately applications for Wellcome funding are appropriately reviewed and appraised by subject matter experts to ensure that appropriate funding decisions are made. For more information about how we balance our legitimate interests with your interests as an individual, please contact our [Data Protection Officer](#).

Where you have given us your opt-in consent via Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker, we also contact you about other Wellcome activities and events that may be of interest such as informing you about other funding opportunities or Wellcome events (including events at Wellcome Collection). For this purpose, we share your information with our third-party service providers to contact you and register you for events and activities. See [How we share your information](#) for further details on how your information is shared.

## B) Analysis of what Wellcome funds and how we fund it

We use your information for:

- monitoring and reporting purposes e.g. trends in gender of committee members in different funding streams;
- evaluating and reporting purposes (where it could be combined with other data) e.g. relevance of committee member advice in funding decisions; and
- research, learning and reporting purposes (where it could be combined with other data) e.g. to investigate the effects of different types of committee set ups on funding advice.

**Where necessary, we disclose your information** for these purposes to individuals and organisations outside Wellcome who are connected to or working on behalf of Wellcome, some of whom may be based outside the UK and the EEA (in which case please see [International transfers of your information- outside of the UK and the European Economic Area \(EEA\) below](#)), including:

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### **(h) Information we keep in our corporate archive and our collections within Wellcome Collection**

For the purpose of archiving in the public interest, we permanently archive certain information, which we hold within our corporate archive and our collections in Wellcome Collection. This is information that supports the preservation of Wellcome's historical, cultural and public engagement resources and activities, and funding activities. For example, meeting papers of grant funding committees and panels, grant files (for Wellcome grant award holders), grant outputs from specific awards and grant publications.

With appropriate safeguards in place to ensure that private and confidential information in our collections and corporate archive is accessed and handled appropriately, this information is made available to researchers in accordance with Wellcome Collection's [Access Policy](#) and [procedures](#) and Wellcome's information governance procedures.

**We use your information in this way on the legal basis that** we are archiving in the public interest.

Please note that where necessary, we also use your personal data without your knowledge or consent, where this is required by law.

## **2. How we use particularly sensitive personal information**

"Special categories" of particularly sensitive personal information that we hold about you require higher levels of protection under data protection law. We need to have further justification for collecting, storing and using this type of personal information.

We currently only collect and use "special category" sensitive information (i.e. information about ethnicity and race and disability) with your consent when you provide diversity monitoring information to us as a Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker account holder. See: [How we use diversity monitoring information](#) below.

If we wish to collect and use other "special category" sensitive information about you, we will provide you with full details of the information that we would like and the reason we need it, so that you can carefully consider whether you wish to consent. You should be aware that it is not a condition of your contract with us that you agree to any request for consent from us.

## **3. How we use diversity monitoring information**

Diversity monitoring is central to Wellcome's diversity and inclusion work and is an important means of identifying patterns of under-representation and differential experience related to certain groups of people, particularly the groups of individuals protected by law under the Equality Act 2010, implementing targeted actions to respond to identified challenges, and promoting equality and fairness for all.

We will only collect diversity monitoring information on a named basis with your consent (which can be withdrawn at any time (see [Your consent and how to withdraw your consent](#) below)).

**We collect the following diversity monitoring information from you** if you have a Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker account:

- your date of birth;
- gender
- ethnicity and race; and

- disability.

**We use diversity monitoring information to:**

- better understand the research workforce we support through our grants by obtaining an overview of Wellcome’s grant funding profile;
- monitor the diversity of successful and unsuccessful grant applicants at each decision-making point;
- benchmark ourselves against other funders, and national and international statistics;
- ensure the diversity of those involved in our advisory committees; and
- set meaningful targets and measure progress.

We will cross-reference the diversity monitoring information that we collect with other personal information we hold about Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker account holders. The type of information that will be used for cross-referencing includes success rates for application, size of award, and grant type. By cross-referencing the data in this way this will:

- help us to understand different patterns of success, participation, and experience within our grant portfolio and grant decision-making processes, or review areas where policies and processes appear to be impacting disproportionately on certain groups, particularly the groups of individuals protected by law under the Equality Act 2010;
- enable our Diversity and Inclusion Team, and other teams within Wellcome, to concentrate on developing tailored solutions and making relevant changes to respond to identified challenges, rather than using guesswork or assumptions; and
- enable us to set meaningful targets and monitor and evaluate the progress of Wellcome’s diversity and inclusion work (at an aggregated level), as required annually by Wellcome’s Executive Leadership Team.

**We will not use your diversity monitoring** information to make grant-funding decisions about you.

**Where necessary, we share your information** with third parties as follows:

- where we provide funding in partnership with other organisations (funding partners) we will share your diversity monitoring data with those organisations to enable them to better understand the research workforce they co-fund with Wellcome; and
- where we work with other organisations to better understand our grant-making and funding in relation to diversity, we will share your diversity monitoring information with those organisations for this purpose.

Your information will generally be shared on a no-names basis but there may be occasions where you will be identified from the diversity information we share.

See [How we share your information](#) for further details on how your information is shared.

**Your consent and how to withdraw your consent**

By answering our diversity monitoring questions and submitting your answers to us, you consent to Wellcome and the third parties referred to above, using your diversity monitoring information in the manner described. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by logging into the Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker portal and changing your preferences within the Diversity Monitoring Information section of the portal. We will stop using your information within a reasonable period of you withdrawing your consent.

**4. If you fail to provide personal information**

If as a grant participant or lead applicant you fail to provide certain personal information when requested during the grant application process, we will not be able to process the grant application. If as a committee member you fail to provide certain personal information when we are setting up your terms of appointment, we will not be able to progress your appointment.

## 5. Automated decision-making

Automated decision-making takes place when an electronic system uses personal information to make a decision without human intervention. You will not be subject to decisions that will have a significant impact on you based solely on automated decision-making, unless we have a lawful basis for doing so and we have notified you. We do not envisage that any decisions will be taken about you using automated means, however we will notify you in writing if this position changes.

## 6. How we share your information

We share your personal data with the parties set out below for the purposes set out in paragraph 1 above, some of whom may be based outside the UK and the EEA (in which case please see [International transfers of your information- outside of the UK and the European Economic Area \(EEA\) below](#)).

Within Wellcome:

- Staff within Wellcome will access grant-related information for the purpose of awarding and managing grants and monitoring, evaluation, research and learning about what Wellcome funds and how we fund it.

Outside Wellcome:

- funding partners e.g. the UK Research Councils, World Health Organisation, Royal Society;
- other partners/third parties such as universities and research institutes for the purposes of monitoring, evaluation, research and learning;
- external reviewers and advisors (e.g. peer reviewers, committee members or others who advise Wellcome on award progress or represent Wellcome on award project oversight groups);
- partner organisations with whom Wellcome holds events (where you register to attend an event);
- [third-party service providers](#).

We require all third parties to respect the security of your personal information and to treat it in accordance with the law. We do not allow our third-party service providers to use your personal data for their own purposes and only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

### Third-party service providers

Where necessary, for the purposes set out in this Statement, we share your personal information with third-party service providers, suppliers, partners, associated organisations and agents to perform services on our behalf e.g.:

- our IT and communications systems providers, and the providers of our grants application and management system (WT Grant Tracker) and request tracking system (Zendesk);
- our email marketing and communications provider that distributes email publications on our behalf, where you opt-in to receive such publications;
- the provider of our web-based event registration system, to send out event invites and registration forms to those invited to Wellcome events;
- event venue operators, where you are attending a Wellcome-run event, for the purpose of them administering the event;
- our travel management company, hotels and transportation providers and travel security partner (where Wellcome is organising travel associated with an event you are attending) for the purpose of making travel arrangements and sending you relevant travel alerts whilst you are travelling to/from a Wellcome event;
- third party survey providers that we use i.e. for collecting feedback on Wellcome events and collecting feedback and pre-screening information for website evaluation and research.

## Where otherwise required to do so

In exceptionally rare circumstances, we are required to share your information if required to do so under a court order or if requested by the police or other regulatory or governmental authority.

Further information on how we share your information is available from our [Data Protection Officer](#).

## 7. How we look after your information

Wellcome is committed to safeguarding your personal information and your privacy. We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your personal data from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. In addition, we limit access to your personal data to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know. They will only process your personal data on our instructions and they are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

Where we have given you (or where you have chosen) a password to access certain parts of our sites, you are responsible for keeping this password confidential.

### Technical solutions

We securely store all information you provide to us using one or more technical measures considering the nature, scope, context and purpose for which we are using the information. Such measures will always be appropriate to the risk.

### Breach Procedures

We have put in place procedures to deal with any suspected personal data breach and will notify you and any applicable regulator of a breach where we are legally required to do so.

### International transfers of your information- outside of the UK and the European Economic Area (EEA)

Where necessary, we share grant applicant personal information with external peer reviewers and external committee members, some of whom may be based outside the UK and the EEA in locations that have less stringent data protection requirements. We will only do this where it is necessary for the purpose of considering (including peer reviewing) your grant application in connection with entering into a grant funding relationship with you. We share grant applicant personal information with our service provider, Zendesk, provider of our support request logging and tracking system, which uses Amazon Web Services hosted in the US.

Whenever we transfer your personal data out of the UK or the EEA, we ensure a similar degree of protection is afforded to it by ensuring at least one of the following safeguards is implemented:

- the recipient is in a country that has been deemed to provide an adequate level of protection for personal data by the European Commission;
- the recipient has entered into Binding Corporate Rules;
- the recipient has entered into appropriate contractual clauses with us; or
- a derogation applies under data protection law for the specific situation.
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Please Contact our [Data Protection Officer](#) for further information on the specific mechanism used by us when transferring your personal data out of the UK or the EEA.

## 8. How long we keep and use your information

We will only retain your personal information for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes for which we collected it. This may mean holding on to your personal information for a certain period of time after you have ceased to have a relationship with Wellcome, such as for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements.

If you withdraw your consent to us using your diversity monitoring information where you are identified, we will cease to use this information within a reasonable period of you withdrawing your consent.

When determining the appropriate period of time to retain your personal information, we consider several factors, including the amount, nature, and sensitivity of the personal data, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of your personal data, the purposes for which we handle and use your personal data and whether we can achieve those purposes through other means, and the applicable legal requirements. We securely erase your information once it is no longer needed. Details of retention periods for different aspects of your personal data are set out in our retention policy. Contact our [Data Protection Officer](#) for further information.

For the purpose of archiving in the public interest, we permanently archive certain information, which we hold within our corporate archive and our collections in Wellcome Collection. This is information that supports the preservation of Wellcome's historical, cultural and public engagement resources and activities, and funding activities. See [Information we keep in our corporate archive and our collections within Wellcome Collection](#) for further information.

## 9. Your rights over your information

Under data protection law, you have certain rights over your information. Further information on your rights and how to exercise them is set out below.

If you have an online account with us, we hope that you find your information is easy to access and update as it is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current.

Under certain circumstances, by law you have the right to:

- **Request access** to your personal information (commonly known as a "data subject access request"). This enables you to receive a copy of the personal information we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it;
- **Request correction** of the personal information that we hold about you. This enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate information we hold about you corrected;
- **Request erasure** of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal information where there is no good reason for us continuing to process it. You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal information where you have exercised your right to object to processing (see below);
- **Object to processing** of your personal information where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third-party) and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing on this ground. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal information for direct marketing purposes;
- **Request the restriction of processing** of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of personal information about you, for example if you want us to establish its accuracy or the reason for processing it;
- **Request the transfer** of your personal information to another party; and
- **Withdraw your consent** for us to use your personal information at any time.

If you would like to exercise any of the rights mentioned above, please contact our [Data Protection Officer](#).

In almost all circumstances, you can exercise any of these rights free of charge. However, in circumstances where your request for access is unfounded or excessive, we reserve the right to charge you a reasonable administrative fee or simply refuse to respond.

### The UK data protection regulator

Although we hope that you would never feel that you had to, you do have the right to lodge a complaint with the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues, the Information Commissioner's Office –



[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk). We would, however, appreciate the chance to deal with your concerns before you approach the ICO so please contact us in the first instance.

## **10. Changes to this Statement and your duty to inform us of changes**

This Statement was last updated on 16 October 2020. To make sure it is up to date and accurate, we make changes to this Statement from time to time. Therefore, we ask that you come back every now and then to check for any updates. We will also notify you in other ways from time to time about the handling and use of your personal information.

It is important that the personal data we hold about you is accurate and current. Where you have a Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker account, please update your profile on Wellcome Trust Grant Tracker if your personal data changes during your relationship with us.

## Appendix Confidentiality Statement

We will handle in confidence the information you supply to us in connection with a grant or grant application that is marked as, or ought reasonably be considered to be, confidential (“**Confidential Information**”). We will:

- a. take reasonable care to keep the Confidential Information secret and secure;
- b. use the Confidential Information only for the purposes set out in the Privacy Statement above; and
- c. only disclose it to third parties under conditions of confidentiality and only as necessary to fulfil those purposes.

We will not be under any obligation to keep the Confidential Information confidential to the extent that the Confidential Information:

- a. was already lawfully known to us at the date it was disclosed to us;
- b. becomes public through no fault of ours;
- c. is lawfully disclosed by a third party to us without any obligations of confidentiality being placed on us; or
- d. is developed independently by our employees without reference to your information.

We will be entitled to disclose any Confidential Information to any court, administrative or regulatory body to the extent required by law but will endeavour to inform you of any required disclosure as soon as possible. Although we put in place appropriate confidentiality provisions with our external advisers, consultants and contractors to whom we disclose Confidential Information, we accept no liability for breaches of confidentiality by third parties.