

## **Privacy Notice**

### **International Research Challenge on Women's Cardiovascular Health 2024**

The International Research Challenge (IRC) is an initiative from the Global Cardiovascular Research Funders Forum (the **GCRFF**) to drive and support **transformative research in women's cardiovascular health, focusing on one or more areas that represent an unmet medical need of global relevance**. The GCRFF is made up of the various Heart Foundations and Research bodies named at the end of this Privacy Notice. The Leducq Foundation is the GCRFF member responsible for hosting the grant application site and application data on behalf of the GCRFF. The GCRFF members specified at the end of this Notice are joint controllers.

## **Financing of scientific research**

### **Submitting your application for the financing of research**

#### **Data Collected**

#### **Creating an Account**

By submitting your personal data in connection with creating an account and submitting your application, your email address and password enable you to create and manage your account as a user (User) on Fluxx, the Grant Application System (GAS). The lawful ground for this processing is contractual (Art. 6.1.b of the GDPR).

#### **Creating an Application**

The application data may include, but not be limited to, your name, gender, nationality, date of birth, contact details, information about the institute for which you intend to carry out the research, your project proposal, CV (and at a later stage in the process, we may collect similar data from one or more of your colleagues) (hereinafter: Application Data). The GCRFF uses your Application Data in order to assess your application and to correspond with you about the application. The lawful ground for this processing is pre-contractual enquiry (Art. 6.1.b of the GDPR)

#### **Ongoing Administration**

We will use your [Personal Information](#) and other Application Data in connection with processing and administering your Application, informing you of the outcome, for managing any successful Grants, for subsequent administration and reporting purposes, statistical analysis, publicity and any commercial negotiations relating to the research. It will also be used in relation to the investigation and management of any allegations of malfeasance, funds misappropriation, bullying, harassment or other workplace violations, bringing the GCRFF or any member into disrepute, and may result in the withdrawal of funds in whole or part, and for any actions against you, as per the signed research agreement. The lawful ground for this processing is contractual basis (Art. 6.1.b of the GDPR).

All of the foregoing Personal Information and Application Data will be shared by all members of GCRFF and used by them for the purposes set out in this notice.

#### **Sharing your Personal Information and Application Data**

Your Personal Information can be used when we publish the fact of any awarded Grants and promote the work of the GCRFF and its individual members. Your Personal Information can be used to invite you to be a Reviewer, or to join any individual member's Grant Funding Committees or be in contact regarding other related opportunities including, but not limited to, surveys. All Data (Personal and Application) needs to be shared in order to assess the application and thereafter to manage and perform the contract if successful.

All Data will be accessible by all the GCRFF members, their appointed Reviewers, advisors and individual Grant Funding Committee Members to enable them to fulfil the tasks assigned to them (e.g. evaluating your Application). Once the grant is awarded it will be managed and administered by the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada on their systems, and all Data will be shared with the GCRFF members for the

purposes of monitoring the award, the progress of the research being funded, its outcomes, publication of the research or any other items related to the monitoring and progress of the funded research network. You will be requested to provide documents on the results of the grant awarded, information on the progress of your research, associated publications and a financial report (hereinafter: Results Data). The Results Data will be shared with and processed by all GCRFF members for internal reporting purposes in the context of members' financial accountability.

All Data and Results Data will be shared with the GAS platform provider, research and partner organisations.

In submitting personal details of colleagues as part of the Application Data or otherwise you warrant and confirm that you have provided your colleagues with a copy of this privacy notice and obtained their full consent to do so.

### **Out of EU Data**

For the purpose of this grant programme the Leducq Foundation is hosting the Fluxx grant application system and portal (the GAS) and associated Personal Information and other Application Data being hosted in the GAS in the USA and applications then being sent to Heart & Stroke Foundation reviewers in Canada. Personal information and Application Data of grant awardees will be shared with all GCRFF members.

### **Publicity**

If an award of grant is made, basic project information will become visible in the public section of the GCRFF webpages and may also be used by each member of GCRFF on its national website, including but not limited to:

- Title of the project • Grant type • Grant amount • Start and end date • Applicant(s) / research leader(s)
- Institution(s) • Theme • Abstract / summary • Publications

The basis for this processing is the legitimate interest (Art 6.1.f of the GDPR) of the GCRFF members and third parties (including donors) to accountability and transparency.

### **Further Research or Statistical Analysis**

All Data and Results Data can be used for further research purposes, for example to monitor developments in the academic field and determine the contributions of the GCRFF to the development of patents and patentable knowledge. The legal basis for this use is the legitimate interest (Art 6.1.f of the GDPR) of GCRFF and its members in analysing and improving the GCRFF and the individual members' financing programmes.

### **Prevention of Double Funding**

All Data and Results Data will be used by GCRFF and individual members to prevent double funding. The legal basis is the legitimate interest (Art 6.1.f of the GDPR) of the GCRFF and each member as well as respective donors to spend donations effectively and to prevent fraud.

### **How Long Will Your Personal Data Be Retained?**

Your personal data will be retained on the GAS system until the decision is made which application(s) to fund then it will be deleted as soon as practicable and in any event within 24 months. For the awardee the data will be retained only for as long as is necessary. We maintain specific records management and retention policies and procedures, so that personal data are deleted after a reasonable time according to the following retention criteria:

- We retain your data as long as we have an ongoing relationship with you (in particular, if you have a grant relationship with us).
- We will only keep the data while your grant is active or for as long as needed to monitor the grant awarded to you and its outcomes.
- We will only keep the data while the outcomes are relevant to publications for which we or others may use the outputs of your funded research
- As long as required for any legal obligation to you or to funders or tax or regulatory or law enforcement bodies
- We retain personal information and application data for ongoing research and archiving purposes

## **Your Rights**

Where you are a European (EU) or United Kingdom (UK) citizen resident in the EU or UK, you are entitled to exercise your GDPR rights in relation to your personal data, and in relation to the personal data held on the GAS and processed in relation to the Grant award you may submit any request to that effect listed below to us (on behalf of any GCRFF member) by email ([dataprotection@bhf.org.uk](mailto:dataprotection@bhf.org.uk)). Requests by ordinary post may be addressed to: Data Protection Office, Legal and Corporate Governance Department, British Heart Foundation, 180 Hampstead Road, London NW1 7AW. We will deal with any request on behalf of all GCRFF members in the EU and this will include informing them of such requests and obtaining information from them if relevant. All rights below are predicated on the basis set out above (personal data on the GAS and/or held by members as part of the grant award and subsequent management, reporting and other monitoring or accessing).

### Access

You may request the British Heart Foundation to inform you what personal data is processed, the purposes of such processing, the third parties/partners with whom we share the personal data, the retention periods used, the sources of the personal data that is not collected directly from the data subject and the existence of any automated decision-making.

### Rectification

You may request the British Heart Foundation to rectify or supplement your personal data if it is factually incorrect or incomplete.

### Deletion / Erasure

You may request the British Heart Foundation to delete your personal data if it is not relevant for the purpose for which it has been collected, if consent has been withdrawn, if you object to the processing of your personal data on the basis of a legitimate interest or if the processing is unlawful.

### Restriction of processing

You may request the British Heart Foundation to restrict the processing of your personal data, meaning that it will only be temporarily stored and not processed any further, in the event that the accuracy of the personal data is contested or the processing is unlawful, but you do not wish the data to be deleted or if you are awaiting a reply concerning a request to exercise a right to object to the processing of your personal data.

### Submitting an objection

You may submit an objection to the British Heart Foundation in the event that the processing of personal data is based on promoting the legitimate interest of the British Heart Foundation or a third party.

In relation to your personal data, we can confirm that no profiling with legal or other significant effect is undertaken, no wholly automated decision-making is involved, and no Artificial Intelligence tool is deployed.

Each GCRFF member takes reasonable, appropriate precautions (including appropriate technological and organisational measures) to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of any Application Data. We cannot warrant the security of any information you transmit to us. Occasionally we may need to amend your data to ensure that they are in an appropriate format for our database (e.g. formatting address fields).

## **GCRFF Members / Joint Controllers**

Note: If you are not a citizen of the UK or an EU resident in those countries then the privacy notice which applies is the above, less any GDPR related rights, plus the specific privacy notice below. Your personal data will be used in the ways set out above and for those purposes when you submit your account application and your research grant application.

- [American Heart Association \(AHA\)](#)
- [British Heart Foundation \(BHF\)](#)
- [Danish Heart Foundation](#)
- [Dutch Heart Foundation \(Hartstichting\)](#)
- [German Centre for Cardiovascular Research \(Deutsches Zentrum für Herz-Kreislauf-Forschung or DZHK\)](#)

- [Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada \(HSFC\)](#)
- [Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health, Canadian Institutes of Health Research \(CIHR\)](#)
- [Leducq Foundation \(Bahamas and USA\)](#)
- [National Heart Foundation of Australia](#)
- [National Heart Foundation of New Zealand](#)
- [National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institute of Health \(NIH-NHLBI\) \(USA\)](#)
- [Swiss Heart Foundation](#)

### Complaints

If you have any concerns about how your personal data is used or should your rights not be granted appropriately then you are entitled to complain to your national Data Protection Authority as set out in the privacy notice of your national body set out above (where relevant).

### Updates to This Privacy Notice

We may update the content of this Privacy Notice from time to time including as to the uses and new uses of Personal information where that use is not incompatible with the original use or purpose for which it was given or used. The updates will be binding once published on this website. Whilst we may notify you of any updates we may not but they will be binding in any event.

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### Consent to Contact

By creating an account on the GAS, you also agree to be contacted to hear about grants that have been made, forthcoming research programmes, events, publications and research results, calls for information and other opportunities. You consent to your data being used for these purposes by GCRFF and individual members and can withdraw that consent at any time.

### Table of Data

Category of personal information	Types of personal information by category	Purpose / lawful basis	Systems / Locations
I.P Address, System and application access data and Internet and electronic network activity information.	Where you are provided with access to the GAS systems, information required to access the GAS systems and applications such as System ID, e-mail account, system passwords, and internet or other electronic network activity information, including access logs, activity logs, and electronic content produced using the GAS system.	Setting up your account Contractual Art.6.1.b  Processing your application.	Fluxx Grant Application System, USA
Times of access, IP addresses, data entered, deleted, updated	Logs, access, audit, use tracking	Monitoring your use of the GAS system (and any apps and tools you use), [which may include	Fluxx Grant Application System, USA

		<p>AI-powered support capabilities.]</p> <p>Justified on the basis of our legitimate interests of security, compliance and protecting our reputation.</p>	
Times of access, IP addresses, data entered, deleted, updated	Logs, access, audit, use tracking	<p>Improving the security and functioning of our website, networks, and information.</p> <p>Justified on the basis of our legitimate interests for ensuring that you receive an excellent user experience, and our networks and information are secure</p>	Fluxx Grant Application System, USA
Times of access, IP addresses, data entered, deleted, updated	Logs, access, audit, use tracking	<p>Undertaking data analytics, i.e. applying analytics to business operations and data to describe, predict and improve performance and/or to provide a better user experience, [[including the use of AI (e.g., machine learning).]]</p> <p>Justified on the basis of our legitimate interests for ensuring the proper functioning of our business operations.</p>	Fluxx Grant Application System, USA
Recommendations	Recommendations related information provided on your behalf by others.	As part of the application vetting enquiries to establish suitability. Justified on the basis of our legitimate interests.	Fluxx Grant Application System, USA
Employment history and background checks	Information about your prior/current employment, education, and where applicable and allowed by applicable law, or other information	As part of the application vetting enquiries to establish suitability. Justified on the basis of our legitimate interests.	Fluxx Grant Application System, USA

	revealed during background screenings.		
Personal details, contact details, and identifiers.	Name, pronoun, all types of identifiers and contact details (such as email, phone numbers, physical address) gender, date of birth, age, place of birth, nationality	<p>Manage your application and ongoing administration and related interactions and internal/GCRFF reporting.</p> <p>Complying with legal requirements.</p> <p>Facilitate communication with you.</p> <p>Perform administrative and reporting functions.</p>	Fluxx Grant Application System, USA
Position and professional or employment-related information, CV.	Professional or employment-related information, such as description of current position, job title, employer, location, and Avande contact(s).	<p>Manage your application and ongoing administration and related interactions and internal/GCRFF reporting.</p> <p>Complying with legal requirements.</p>	Fluxx Grant Application System, USA
<p>Personal details, contact details, and identifiers.</p> <p>Position and professional or employment-related information, CV.</p>	<p>Name, pronoun, all types of identifiers and contact details (such as email, phone numbers, physical address) gender, date of birth, age, place of birth, nationality.</p> <p>Professional or employment-related information, such as description of current position, job title, employer, location, and contact(s).</p>	<p>Transfer your contact information, education data, employment data, application information and the CV, all as supplied by you in our GAS, to the relevant reviewers and approvers of applications and subsequent notification to you. Justified on the basis of our legitimate interest to identify the most suitable grant awardee(s).</p>	Fluxx Grant Application System, USA
Reports from you and others and updates, requests for further funding,	As adjacent	<p>Required for ongoing analysis and progress of research.</p> <p>Contractual basis for processing.</p>	Fluxx Grant Application System, USA

Complaints/information from third parties	Information/allegations from third parties regarding any malfeasance, harassment in the workplace, bullying or other breaches of the grant terms	Required for compliance with legal obligations and contractual monitoring, including protection of reputation. Legitimate interests apply.	Fluxx Grant Application System, USA
Name, email address, area of research	As adjacent	To contact you periodically with communications about events, publications or employment opportunities which we feel might interest you, unless you ask not to be contacted. You will have an opportunity to opt out of receiving further messages. Justified on the basis of our legitimate interest for ensuring proper communication with, and sending marketing to, our alumni.	Fluxx Grant Application System, USA