

## Undergraduate and Postgraduate Research Data Privacy Notice

This Privacy Notice explains how we, University College Birmingham (the “**University**”) of Summer Row, Birmingham, B3 1JB, telephone number: 0121 604 1000, use the personal data we collect. The University Students collect personal data from you when you agree to participate in student research. We are the data controller for such personal data relating to you and this Privacy Notice explains how we will process your personal data.

Personal data held on the University’s database is held securely and only authorised staff can access it. The information that we collect will be held in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (the “**GDPR**”) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Students who collect information in the process of their research are given guidance on Data Protection and their responsibility for the data they collect. They are instructed to ensure they save all data on University secure servers and not on their own personal equipment.

The University’s Data Protection Officer is the Head of Student Records and Academic Registry:

Ruth Cartwright

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Email: [dataprotection@ucb.ac.uk](mailto:dataprotection@ucb.ac.uk)

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### **There are certain principles that the University must adhere to. This means that we will make sure your information:**

- Is treated fairly and is only used for the purposes for which we have collected it and for which we have a legal basis for processing.
- Will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected, unless we ask your permission to use it for something else.
- Will not be excessive. i.e. We will not hold information about you that we do not need.
- Will be accurate.
- Will not be kept longer than is necessary
- Will be kept securely so that there is no loss of data or data breaches. Personal data is kept on secure servers and any hard copies are kept in secure locations. Only authorised people have access to your personal information. We will ensure that, where personal data is shared and stored outside of the European Union, there are appropriate safeguards in place to protect your personal data.

## **You have certain rights as a data subject under the GDPR. This means that you have:**

- The right to gain access to your personal data – You can ask us what information we hold on you.
- The right to rectification – You can ask us to put right any information that you believe is incorrect or where appropriate, given the purposes for which your data is processed, the right to have incomplete data completed.
- The right to erasure – You can ask for information to be removed, although this is a limited right which applies, among other circumstances, when the data is no longer required or the processing has no legal justification. There are also exceptions to this right, such as when the processing is required by law or in the public interest.
- The right to restrict processing – If you feel you are being disadvantaged by us holding information that is inaccurate, you can ask us to stop processing it until we fix it, or come to an agreement.
- The right to data portability – You can ask us to extract your information so that you can use it elsewhere.
- The right to object – You can object to us processing your data for marketing purposes. You can also object to us processing your data when such processing is based on the public interest or other legitimate interests, unless we have compelling legitimate grounds to continue with the processing.
- Where the legal basis for processing your personal data is based on your consent, the right to withdraw your consent at any time. Rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling – UCB will never make any decisions about you without any human intervention.

For any information on your rights, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact the Data Protection Officer on [dataprotection@ucb.ac.uk](mailto:dataprotection@ucb.ac.uk)

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) if you feel that the University is not processing data correctly. You can make a complaint on the ICO's website: <https://ico.org.uk/> .

## **Why does the University need information about you and what is the purpose of our processing?**

We only process data for specified purposes and if it is justified in accordance with data-protection law. The University holds information on research participants for the purposes of performing the research, security and health and safety.

Major final year and post graduate projects: Student research will be subject to ethical approval

## What personal data do we hold?

Data held by our students in the course of their research will vary from student to student and should be made clear to all participants before they agree to share information.

## How long will we hold your data?

Research data will only be kept for as long as is necessary to complete the project. Data held on student accounts will be cleared 12 months after the student's graduation.

## Who might we share your information with?

On occasion we may need to share your data internally and with third parties. The following is a list of organisations with which we may share information. It is not an exhaustive list, but any organisation with which we share information will have confirmed their compliance with Data Protection Regulations. No research will be published without your express permission.

- Our staff associated with research
- Any organisations that the researcher has told you we will share information with in their documentation
- Software Providers that UCB use may need access to resolve IT issues.
- Relevant authorities dealing with emergency situations at the University\*
- Any other authorised third party to whom the University has a legal/contractual obligation to share personal data with

\*Please note that in emergency situations where the University deems it to be in your (or potentially a third party's) 'vital interests' the University may share your personal data, including sensitive personal data with relevant individuals/agencies, e.g. the Police.

## Legal Basis

The legal basis under which the University processes your personal data is as follows:

Consent: You will need to consent to your details being used in the research (See GDPR Article 6(1)(a)).

Personal data relating to your health will only be held with your explicit consent to its processing (see GDPR Article 9(2)(a)).

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