

## OECD International Survey of Scientific Authors

### Privacy and confidentiality policy statement

#### INTRODUCTION

This privacy statement explains the reason for the data processing, the way we collect, handle and ensure protection of all personal data provided, how that information is used and what rights you may exercise in relation to your data.

The OECD is committed to the protection of personal information. OECD Staff and external processors who may have access to personal information and are associated with the processing of that information are obligated to respect the privacy and confidentiality of information.

#### WHY IS THIS STUDY IMPORTANT?

This study plays a central role in the evidence gathering and advisory activities of the OECD on science policy for governments worldwide. Your participation helps provide a better understanding of the situation faced by scientists and researchers like you.

This is an entirely voluntary study and you may leave questions unanswered, for example if you perceive them to be too sensitive. However, response gaps make it more difficult to understand the issues that concern you and your community. Your answers are important as they represent the experiences of other scientists and researchers in your area.

#### WHO AUTHORIZES THIS STUDY?

This study is being carried out in the framework of the Programme of Work and Budget of the OECD Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy (CSTP), by its Working Party of National Experts on Science and Technology Indicators (NESTI). The mandate of the OECD NESTI Working Party is to monitor, supervise, direct and co-ordinate statistical work on science, technology and innovation, contributing to the development of indicators and quantitative analysis needed to meet the requirements and priorities of the CSTP. As a statistical operation, this study is listed in the OECD Statistical Programme of Work.

#### WHO SEES YOUR ANSWERS AND HOW DO WE PROTECT YOUR DATA?

We want to reassure you that your privacy and confidentiality are protected. The OECD is committed to protecting the personal data it processes, in accordance with its Personal Data Protection [Rules](#).

The purpose of the processing operation is **statistical**. We collect and process personal data only as necessary to conduct this statistical survey and the production of statistical results based on it. To reduce your response burden, our analysis will draw upon scientific bibliographic data available to OECD. This includes information that you have decided to make available as part of your ORCID profile through the authentication procedure. OECD is an ORCID member and as such it can read limited access information that you have tagged as available to trusted parties that you grant access to your ORCID ID. Consistent

with this statistical purpose, the data collected is de-identified or aggregated and cannot be used in support of measures or decisions regarding any particular natural person.

All your personal data in electronic format is stored on secure OECD servers only and is password-protected. Only selected OECD approved staff will have access to your information.

OECD takes great care to process all published data outputs in such a way as to minimise the possibility of deductive identification of any individual in accordance with best statistical practices. To allow replicability and contribute to wider research in this area, in line with OECD's open science principles, de-identified data will be made available via a formal application procedure to bona-fide researchers through publicly available data files. These publicly available files contain no personal identifiers, such as names or contact information, making it very difficult if not impossible to re-identify participants. Furthermore, in order to obtain access to such files, researchers will have to formally agree not to identify or facilitate the identification of participants.

### **HOW LONG DO WE KEEP YOUR DATA?**

Your personal data will be stored for a maximum of 5 years, as long as follow-up actions are strictly necessary with regard to the stated statistical purpose of the current study. Beyond this time, your personal data will be permanently destroyed. Only the de-identified information will continue to be stored for OECD or external statistical research purposes subject to the approval procedure mentioned above.

Through the survey, you can opt in to receive email updates from the OECD on the study and its potential follow up.

### **WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AND HOW CAN YOU EXERCISE THEM?**

Under the Rules, you have rights to access and rectify your personal data, as well as to object to its processing, request erasure, and obtain data portability in certain circumstances. To exercise these rights in connection with this survey, please contact OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation at: [sti.contact@oecd.org](mailto:sti.contact@oecd.org).

### **Privacy Support**

If you have further queries or complaints related to the processing of your personal data, please contact the Data Protection Officer. If you need further assistance in resolving claims related to personal data protection you can contact the Data Protection Commissioner.