

## **Data Protection Information for Applicants and Grant Recipients in accordance with Section 13 and 14 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

The Volkswagen Foundation attaches great importance to compliance with data protection regulations. Below, we would like to inform you about how we handle your personal data:

### **1. Responsible Body**

Responsible for the collection of data you supply and its processing is the

**VolkswagenStiftung**  
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30519 Hannover  
GERMANY

### **2. Processing Purposes and Legal Basis**

For the processing of your application and, in the event of approval, your funding project, we need depending on the respective funding offer different personal data of you and, if applicable, your co-applicants, cooperation partners, project participants (e.g. employees or scholarship holders in a funding project) or your nominee (e.g. for the terminated funding offer Opus Primum). Please ensure that persons whose data you provide us with receive information about the processing of their data and this Information on Data Protection in an appropriate manner. This applies to the persons described in sentence one who do not provide us with their personal data by themselves and/or who do not have their own access to our application or report portal in order to enter their data there.

In addition, we process the data of our applicants in order to monitor and improve our own funding activities and funding offers and to develop new funding offers by means of our own events, external evaluations, impact measurement, accompanying research and scientific research on existing and completed funding offers.

***We store the following personal data and data categories (partly depending on the respective funding offer)***

- Master data (e.g. name, date and place of birth, gender, organization, nationality)
- Address and contact details (e. g. postal address (business/private), e-mail address, telephone number)
- Group affiliation (e.g. Applicant, Scholar, Employee in the project, etc.)
- Payment data (data for payment processing, e.g. bank details, tax identification number).

***Your data will be used for the following purposes:***

- Processing of applications
- Review processes
- Decision-making processes
- Evaluations
- Impact measurement
- Accompanying research
- Funding activities
- Auditing of funds allocated
- Communication
- Press communication
- Sending invitation and documents to event participants
- Sending of publications of the VolkswagenStiftung
- Sending of Christmas greetings
- Networking of the beneficiaries (e.g. within the framework of status symposia or for mentoring)
- Settlement of payment transactions
- Processing for archival and historiographic purposes

**Legal basis** for the processing of your personal data is Section 6 para. 1 lit. b), c) and f) GDPR.

### 3. Data deletion

As a rule, your personal data will be deleted as soon as storage is no longer considered necessary for the above-mentioned purposes or the legal storage obligations do not apply anymore. Personal data stored for archival and historiographic purposes will be deleted if the data no longer has any further archival or historiographic value.

### 4. Confidential treatment of your data

Your data will of course be treated confidentially. We only transfer your personal data to third parties if this is absolutely necessary and there is a legal basis, e.g.:

- for review processes according to the principles of good scientific practice;
- to carry out evaluations;
- for impact measurement;
- to carry out (accompanying) research projects.

If necessary, we use strictly instruction-bound service providers who support us, for example, in the areas of EDP or archiving and the destruction of documents and with whom separate contracts for order processing have been concluded.

### 5. Your privacy rights

As a data subject, you have the right to obtain information about your personal data stored with us and to have incorrect data corrected or deleted if one of the reasons stated in Section 17 GDPR applies, e.g. if the data is no longer required for the purposes pursued. Furthermore, there is a right to limitation of processing if one of the conditions specified in Section 18 GDPR applies and the right to have your data transferred in case of the eventualities covered by Section 20 GDPR.

If the data is processed pursuant to Art. 6 para. 1 lit. f GDPR (data processing for the purposes of the legitimate interests), you have the right to object to the processing at any time for reasons arising out of your particular situation, Art. 21 para.1 GDPR. We will then no longer process personal data, unless there are demonstrably compelling legitimate grounds for processing, which override the interests, rights and freedoms of the person concerned, or the processing serves the purpose of asserting, exercising or defending legal claims.

Any data subject has the right of appeal to a supervisory authority if he or she considers that the processing of data concerning him or her is in breach of data protection legislation. The right of appeal may be exercised in particular before a supervisory authority in the member state of residence or employment of the person concerned or the place of alleged infringement.

### 6. Our data protection officer

You also have the right to contact our data protection officer at any time who is obligated to maintain confidentiality regarding your inquiry.

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