

**DIGI+ MSCA Fellowship Programme**

**Call for Fellows**

**2nd Call – Deadline: 23rd August 2024 @ 5pm Irish Time**

**Application Part D – Ethics Self Assessment**

Please fill out Section 1 and, if needed, Section 2.

**Section 1**

**ETHICS ISSUES TABLE**

Please complete the ethical assessment table below, indicating “yes” or “no” in the corresponding box:

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| 1. HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS AND HUMAN EMBRYOS |
| Does your research involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)? | YES / NO  |
| Does your research involve the use of human embryos? | YES / NO  |
| Does your activity involve the use of other human embryonic or foetal tissues / cells? | YES / NO  |
| **2. HUMANS** |
| Does your research involve human participants? | YES / NO  |
| Does your activity involve interventions (physical also including imaging technology, behavioural treatments, tracking and tracing, etc.) on the study participants? | YES / NO  |
| Does your activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation 536/2014 (using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products)? | YES / NO |
| **3. HUMAN CELLS / TISSUES** |
| Does your activity involve the use of human cells or tissues (other than those covered by section 1)? | YES / NO  |
| **4. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA** |
| Does your activity involve processing of personal data? | YES / NO  |
| Does your activity involve further processing of previously collected personal data (including use of preexisting data sets or sources, merging existing data sets)? | YES / NO  |
| Is it planned to export personal data (data transfer) from the EU to non EU countries? Specify the type of personal data and countries involved | YES / NO |
| Is it planned to import personal data (data transfer) from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? Specify the type of personal data and countries involved | YES / NO |
| Does your activity involve the processing of personal data related to criminal convictions or offences? | YES / NO |
| **5. ANIMALS** |
| Does your research involve animals? | YES / NO  |
| **6. THIRD COUNTRIES** |
| Will some of the activities be carried out in non-EU countries? Specify the countries |  |
| In case non-EU countries are involved, do the activities undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues? Specify the countries | YES / NO  |
| Is it planned to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)? | YES / NO  |
| Is it planned to import any material (other than data) from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non EU country to another non-EU country? For data imports, see section 4. For imports of human cells or tissues, see section 3. Specify the material and countries involved | YES / NO  |
| Is it planned to export any material (other than data) from the EU to non-EU countries? For data exports, see section 4. Specify the material and countries involved | YES / NO  |
| Does your activity involve low and/or lower-middle income countries? If yes, detail the benefit-sharing actions planned | YES / NO  |
| Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the activity at risk? | YES / NO  |
| **7. ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY** |
| Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes (or technologies) that may cause harm to the environment, to animals or plants (during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, as a possible impact)? For activities involving animal experiments, see section 5. | YES / NO  |
| Does this activity deal with endangered fauna and/or flora / protected areas? | YES / NO  |
| Does this activity involve the use of substances or processes (or technologies) that may cause harm to humans, including those performing the activity (during the implementation of the activity or further to the use of the results, or the deployment of the technology as a possible impact)? For activities involving human participants, see section 2. | YES / NO  |
| **8. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE** |  |
| Does this activity involve the development, deployment and/or use of Artificial Intelligence-based systems? | YES / NO |
| Could the AI based system/technique potentially stigmatise or discriminate against people (e.g. based on sex, race, ethnic or social origin, age, genetic features, disability, sexual orientation, language, religion or belief, membership to a political group, or membership to a national minority)? | YES / NO |
| Does the AI system/technique interact, replace or influence human decision-making processes (e.g. issues affecting human life, health, well-being or human rights, or economic, social or political decisions)? | YES / NO |
| Does the AI system/technique have the potential to lead to negative social (e.g. on democracy, media, labour market, freedoms, educational choices, mass surveillance) and/or environmental impacts either through intended applications or plausible alternative uses?  | YES / NO |
| Does this activity involve the use of AI in a weapon system?  | YES / NO |
| Does the AI to be developed/used in the project raise any other ethical issues not covered by the questions above (e.g., subliminal, covert or deceptive AI, AI that is used to stimulate addictive behaviours, lifelike humanoid robots, etc.)? | YES / NO |
| **9. OTHER ETHICS ISSUES** |
| Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration?**If yes, please specify in the ethics statement to be provided under document “Section 2 – Ethics Self-Assessment”.** | YES / NO  |
| **If you answered “YES” to any of the questions above, you must provide additional information about how these issues will be addressed in your research by completing document “Section 2 – Ethics Self-Assessment” which will need to be submitted as part of your application documentation.** |

**Section 2**

**ETHICS SELF-ASSESSMENT**

This section is a requirement for applicants who have indicated a potential ethics issue in Section 1. You must provide additional information on how you intend to address the ethical issues flagged in a maximum of 2 pages. Please provide details, processes, guidelines, policies and law that you will abide by in order to ensure the ethics issues are properly addressed.

**Guidelines (shown highlighted in grey):**

1. The uploaded document must include the proposal title in the header. Applicants must use the following formatting constraints: Arial, at least font size 10, margins (2.0cm side, 1.5cm top and bottom), single line spacing.
2. Refer to “How to complete your ethics self-assessment" at [**https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/how-to-complete-your-ethics-self-assessment\_en.pdf**](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/how-to-complete-your-ethics-self-assessment_en.pdf)
3. Delete guidelines in grey.