IAMHRF Privacy Policy

General Statement

The International Alliance of Mental Health Research Funders (IAMHRF) unites funders on a shared mental health research agenda. It is an initiative hosted by the Graham Boeckh Foundation, a charitable foundation incorporated in Canada and resident in the Province of Quebec.

The IAMHRF is a global network and as a result collects and processes data from a global audience. We are committed to protecting the privacy and security of your data at every level.

Kindly note that this policy only describes the IAMHRF privacy policy. There may be links on our website or in other materials that take you to third parties who have their own policies regarding the use of your data. Please review those regulations separately.

Information We Collect

This policy outlines why we collect your data, what data is collected, how the IAMHRF uses that data, and your rights pertaining to use of your data.

Why We Collect Your Data

We collect, process, and store your personal data on the basis that it is necessary for achieving our legitimate interests or you have explicitly given your consent for your data to be collected and processed. The IAMHRF’s legitimate purposes include, but are not limited to, growing its network, assessing the needs of mental health research funders, organizing events, webinars, virtual meetings and conducting surveys. The IAMHRF also collects personal data for internal purposes including recruiting staff and advisory board members for its working groups and governance structures.

What Data the IAMHRF Collects

By accessing our website or interacting with the IAMHRF for any of the legitimate purposes mentioned above, you consent to your data being collected and processed.

The IAMHRF defines “your data” broadly, including identifying and non-identifying data. The IAMHRF may collect data including your name, your email address, cookie-associated data, current organization, educational or professional background, country of origin or residence and any other data you explicitly consent to provide to us. We may also collect potentially sensitive health data like lived experience of a mental health challenge. In such cases, we will always ask for your explicit consent to collect and process these data.

How the IAMHRF Uses That Data

IAMHRF collects your data in order to:

- Stay in contact with you and provide you with information about its activities (e.g. if you take part in a survey and then provide consent to be contacted about further opportunities to be involved with the IAMHRF);
- Grow its network, and develop its digital presence;
- Conduct and analyze results from written surveys and interviews assessing the mental research sectors;
- And to otherwise serve the IAMHRF’s legitimate interests as mentioned above.

The IAMHRF will only store the minimum amount of identifying data for the minimum amount of time necessary to fulfil its purposes. This may include storing it after an associated activity is
completed for the purposes of legal, accounting, or reporting requirements. After this period, any identifying data will be erased. The only data we store over the long-term is our email distribution list.

The IAMHRF is committed to protecting your data. However, in the event of a data breach or that your data has been compromised, the organization will strive to inform you in a timely manner.

**Sharing Your Data with Third Parties**

Please note that in service of the purposes listed above, your data may be shared or processed by third parties. Third parties may be defined as external parties that directly collect your data (for example, Microsoft Forms and SurveyMonkey may store your data if a survey is distributed on that platform); or with parties we contract with to process your data. Your data may also be shared with third parties in order to comply with valid legal inquiries or processes.

**Your Rights Over Your Data**

At any point, you have:

- **The right to be informed** – you have the right to full transparency with regards to how an organisation is using your personal data.
- **The right of access** – you have the right to know exactly what information is being held about you and how it is being processed.
- **The right of rectification** – you are entitled to have personal data rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete.
- **The right to erasure** – also known as “the right to be forgotten”, you have the right to have your personal data deleted or removed without a specific reason.
- **The right to restrict processing** – you can block or suppress processing of your personal data.
- **The right to data portability** – you have the right to retain and reuse your personal data for your own purpose.
- **The right to object** – in certain circumstances, you are entitled to object to your personal data being used for purposes such as direct marketing or scientific and historical research.
- **Rights of automated decision-making and profiling** – you have the right to not be the subject of a decision based on automated processing (i.e., made without human intervention) where the consequence has a damaging or legal bearing on you.

If you would like to access a copy, update, or request erasure of your identifying information, please contact us at info@iamhrf.org

**More Information about this Policy**

Any changes made to this policy will be updated here. Please check this page for the most updated version of the policy.

This policy is effective as of 7 February 2023.

If you have any questions, or at any point you believe your rights or privacy have been violated, please contact us at info@iamhrf.org.