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Participant information for online surveys

INTEGRATE: Reimagining Data Science Careers in Biomedicine

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General Information

The aim of this research is to investigate how to improve support, reward and integration of data scientists biomedical research and accelerate a collaborative research culture.

We appreciate your interest in participating in this survey. You have been invited to participate as you are over 18 years of age and have experience of working in biomedical science and/or data science, or have important insights on research culture and collaborative or interdisciplinary working. Please read through this information before agreeing to participate (if you wish to) by ticking the 'yes' box below.

You may ask any questions before deciding to take part by contacting the researcher (details below).

The Principal Researcher is Charlotte George, who is attached to the Radcliffe Department of Medicine at the University of Oxford. This research is being completed under the supervision of Professor David Sims, and in collaboration with HDRUK the University of Dundee and the CRUK Data Science Community Support Unit.

If you agree to take part, we will ask you questions about your experiences working in biomedical research with a focus on career development and collaborative working. This should take about 15-20 minutes, no background knowledge is required. We are interested in your experiences of collaborative research and career development opportunities in biomedical research so that we can provide evidence to research institutions and funding bodies to support good practice across the UK. Any data you share will be securely stored on OneDrive according to University of Oxford data protection guidelines and personal data will be handled in full compliance with GDPR regulations. Non-identifiable results from the research will be published in an open-access report, on our website (integrate-bio.org) and shared with Research Funders and Research Institutes to enable the acceleration in adoption of good practice in career development and progression for biomedical data scientists.

Do I have to take part?

No. Please note that participation is voluntary. If you do decide to take part, you may withdraw at any point for any reason before submitting your answers by pressing the 'Exit' button/ closing the browser. All questions are optional

How will my data be used?

Your answers in this survey will be completely anonymised. Where information we collect could identify you (e.g. specific career details) this will be removed from the data set. We will collect demographic data (e.g. age, gender, ethnicity, caring responsibilities) to access representation of different demographics within the responses. Contact details (i.e. email address) will be collected at the end of the survey via a separate consent process. Your IP address will not be stored¹. We will take all reasonable measures to ensure that data remain confidential. In some circumstances quotes from responses might be used, however these will be attributed to anonymous respondents.

The responses you provide will be stored in a password-protected electronic file on University of Oxford secure servers and may be used in academic publications, presentations, reports for funders and research organisations and project website. Identifiable information will be deleted as soon as it is no longer required for the research. All identifiable data will be deleted by project end with the exception of consent records which will be held securely until 3 years after project end [31st Dec 2029]. Research data will be stored for 3 years after publication or public release of the work of the research.

Who will have access to my data²?

The University of Oxford is the data controller with respect to your personal data and, as such, will determine how your personal data is used in the research. The University will process your personal data for the purpose of the research outlined above. Research is a task that we perform in the public interest. Further information about your rights with respect to your personal data is available from <https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/individual-rights>.

Any data you share will be securely stored on OneDrive according to University of Oxford data protection guidelines and personal data will be handled in full compliance with GDPR regulations. The data you provide may be shared with HDRUK for the purpose of supporting data science careers.

We would like to use the data in future studies, and to share data with other researchers (e.g. in online open data repository and databases). Data will have all identifying information removed before it is shared with other researchers or results are made public.

The results will be written up for a report and an online hub to inform MRC funding policy and Institute support for data scientists.

Who has reviewed this research?

This research has been reviewed by, and received ethics clearance through, a subcommittee of the University of Oxford Central University Research Ethics Committee [1679349].

¹ Guidance is available within CUREC's [Best Practice Guidance \(06\) on Internet-mediated research](#)

² Guidance is available within CUREC's [Best Practice Guidance \(09\) on Data collection, protection and management](#)

Who do I contact if I have a concern or I wish to complain?

If you have a concern about any aspect of this research, please contact *Charlotte George* charlotte.george@imm.ox.ac.uk or integrate@imm.ox.ac.uk, and we will do our best to answer your query. We will acknowledge your concern within 10 working days and give you an indication of how it will be dealt with. If you remain unhappy or wish to make a formal complaint, please contact the University of Oxford Research Governance, Ethics & Assurance (RGEA) team at rgea.complaints@admin.ox.ac.uk or on 01865 616480.

Please note that you may only participate in this survey if you are 18 years of age or over.

I certify that I am 18 years of age or over

If you have read the information above and agree to participate with the understanding that the data (including any personal data) you submit will be processed accordingly, please tick the box below to start.

Yes, I agree to take part