

### PRIVACY NOTICE

#### What is the purpose of this document?

Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine (the “**University**” or “**Imperial**”) is committed to protecting the privacy and security of your personal information.

This privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about you during and after your relationship with us, in accordance with the applicable data protection legislation.

Imperial is a "data controller". This means that we are responsible for deciding how we hold and use personal information about you. We are required under data protection legislation to notify you of the information contained in this privacy notice.

This notice applies to:

- all current students enrolled on the NTU-Imperial MBBS programme.
- external students coming to Imperial under a clinical placements or elective scheme managed by the Educational Partnerships Office.

This notice does not form part of any contract to provide services. We may update this notice at any time and it is important that you read this notice, together with any other privacy notice we may provide on specific occasions when we are collecting or processing personal information about you. Such privacy notices would include;

- Student Privacy Notice / <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/administration-and-support-services/registry/academic-governance/public/academic-policy/admissions/Privacy-notice.pdf>
- Events Privacy Notice / <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/about/university-secretary/institutional-compliance-and-risk-management/information-governance/privacy-notices/events-privacy-notice/>

#### Data protection principles

We will comply with data protection legislation. This says that the personal information we hold about you must be:

1. Used lawfully, fairly and in a transparent way.
2. Collected only for valid purposes that we have clearly explained to you and not used in any way that is incompatible with those purposes.
3. Relevant to the purposes we have told you about and limited only to those purposes.

4. Accurate and kept up to date.
5. Kept only as long as necessary for the purposes we have told you about.
6. Kept securely.

### **The kind of information we hold about you**

Personal data, or personal information, means any information about an individual from which that person can be identified. It does not include data where the identity has been removed (anonymous data).

We may collect, store, and use the following categories of personal information about you:

- Personal contact details such as name, title, addresses, telephone numbers, and personal email addresses.
- Date of birth.
- Nationality
- Gender.
- Next of kin and emergency contact information.
- Start and end date of programme
- Copy of passport.
- Degree performance information.
- English language qualification.
- Disciplinary and grievance information.
- CCTV footage and other information obtained through electronic means such as swipe card records.<sup>1</sup>
- Information about your use of our information and communications systems.
- Photographs.

We may also collect, store and use the following "special categories" of more sensitive personal information:

---

<sup>1</sup> If onsite at Imperial, for example during an exchange or elective visit.

- Information about your health, including any medical condition, health and sickness records.
- Information about criminal convictions and offences.

### **How is your personal information collected?**

We collect most of the personal information about you via direct request to you in advance of any visit to Imperial, through automatic data feeds from university systems, via our online forms, in person during exchange or elective visit inductions, in the course of providing services to you or after we have provided services to you (e.g. feedback responses). We may also collect additional information from LKC Medicine directly, or from third parties including clinical sites where you may be placed during exchange or elective visits to Imperial.

### **How we will use information about you and the legal basis for processing your data under the GDPR**

We will only use your personal information when the law allows us to. Most commonly, we will use your personal information

1. Where we need to perform the contract we have entered into with you or in order to take steps at your request prior to the entry into a contract. \*
2. Where it is necessary for our legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests. \*\*
3. Where it is necessary in order to protect your vital interests or someone else's vital interests. \*\*\*
4. Where you have consented to the processing. \*\*\*\*
5. Where there is a legal obligation to do so. \*\*\*\*\*

### **Situations in which we will use your personal information**

We need all the categories of information in the list above (see The kind of information we hold about you) primarily to allow us to perform our contract with you. In some cases we may use your personal information to pursue legitimate interests of our own or those of third parties, provided your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests. The situations in which we will process your personal information are listed below along with an \* to explain the legal basis we rely upon.

- To provide you with the information and services that you request from us. \*/\*\*/\*\*\*\*.
- To contact you in relation to your studies or study visit, including for the purposes of feedback. \*\*
- To ensure we meet any and all legal obligations with regards to the service we provide to you for the duration of your studies. \*\*\*\*\*

- To notify you about changes to our service. \*
- Making a decision about your involvement in visits to Imperial or your eligibility for a student award. \*
- Administering the contract we have entered into with you. \*
- Business management and planning, including accounting and auditing. \*\*
- Gathering evidence for possible grievance or disciplinary hearings. \*/\*/\*\*\*\*\*
- Education, training and development requirements. \*
- Dealing with legal disputes involving you, or other students, workers and contractors, including accidents at work. \*/\*\*/\*\*\*\*\*
- Complying with health and safety obligations. \*\*\*\*\*
- To prevent fraud. \*\*\*\*\*
- To monitor your use of our information and communication systems to ensure compliance with our IT policies. \*\*/\*\*\*\*\*
- To ensure network and information security, including preventing unauthorised access to our computer and electronic communications systems and preventing malicious software distribution. \*\*/\*\*\*\*\*
- To ensure the information we hold about you is up to date and accurate. \*/\*\*/\*\*\*\*
- To ensure that content from our site is presented in the most effective manner for you and your computer or mobile device. \*\*
- To provide you with relevant news by email, phone or post where you have consented to receive this information. \*\*\*\*

Some of the above grounds for processing will overlap and there may be several grounds which justify our use of your personal information.

### **If you fail to provide personal information**

If you fail to provide certain information when requested, we may not be able to perform the contract we have entered into with you.

### **Change of purpose**

We will only use your personal information for the purposes for which we collected it, unless we reasonably consider that we need to use it for another reason and that reason is compatible with the original purpose. If we need to use your personal information for an unrelated purpose, we will notify you and we will explain the legal basis which allows us to do so.

Please note that we may process your personal information without your knowledge or consent, in compliance with the above rules, where this is required or permitted by law.

### **How we use particularly sensitive personal information**

"Special categories" of particularly sensitive personal information require higher levels of protection. We need to have further justification for collecting, storing and using this type of personal information. We may process special categories of personal information in the following circumstances:

1. In limited circumstances, with your explicit consent. \*
2. Where the processing is necessary to protect your vital interests (or those of another person) where you are incapable of giving consent. \*\*
3. Where the processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest, and occurs on the basis of a law that is, inter alia, proportionate to the aim pursued and protects your rights as a data subject. \*\*\*

### **Our obligations**

We will use your particularly sensitive personal information in the following ways:

- We may use information about your physical or mental health, or disability status, to ensure your health and safety while on placements. \*/\*\*/\*\*

### **Do we need your consent?**

We do not need your consent to process sensitive personal information if we use special categories of your personal information to ensure your health and safety or when processing is as part of the contract which we have engaged with you. In limited circumstances, we may approach you for your written consent to allow us to process certain particularly sensitive data. If we do so, we will provide you with full details of the information that we would like and the reason we need it, so that you can carefully consider whether you wish to consent. You should be aware that it is not a condition of your contract with us that you agree to any request for consent from us.

### **Automated decision-making**

We do not envisage that any decisions will be taken about you using automated means, however we will notify you in writing if this position changes.

### **Data sharing**

We may have to share your data with third parties, including third-party service providers and other entities in the Imperial group.

We require third parties to respect the security of your data and to treat it in accordance with the law.

We may transfer your personal information outside the UK.

If we do, you can expect a similar degree of protection in respect of your personal information as that afforded within the university.

### **Why might you share my personal information with third parties?**

We may share your personal information with third parties where required by law, where it is necessary to administer the relationship with you or where we have another legitimate interest in doing so.

### **Which third-party service providers process my personal information?**

"Third parties" includes third-party service providers (including contractors and designated agents) and other entities within the Imperial group. Third party providers will also include the NHS trusts which provide clinical placements to our students.

### **How secure is my information with third-party service providers and other entities in our group?**

All our third-party service providers, partner organisations and other entities in the Imperial group are required to take appropriate security measures to protect your personal information in line with our policies.

We do not allow our third-party service providers to use your personal data for their own purposes. We only permit them to process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

### **What about other third parties?**

We may share your personal information with other third parties, for example in the context of the possible sale or restructuring of the business and operations of the university. We may also need to share your personal information with a regulator or to otherwise comply with the law.

### **Transferring information outside the UK**

We may transfer personal information we collect about you during your time on site at Imperial back to your home institution in order to perform our contract with you. To ensure that your personal information receives an adequate level of protection during transfer to any country outside the UK, where there is not an adequacy decision in place, we have put in place the following measures to ensure that your personal information is treated in a way that is consistent with and which respects the EU and UK laws on data protection:

- Information will be transferred securely.
- Information will only be shared as part of the contract between the student and Imperial.

- We will implement use of the UK's IDTA or EU Standard Contract Clauses plus UK Addendum.
- We will always review and consider any risks relating the export destination and implement protection to mitigate those risks

## **Data security**

We have put in place measures to protect the security of your information.

Third parties will only process your personal information on our instructions and where they have agreed to treat the information confidentially and to keep it secure.

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent your personal information from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed. In addition, we limit access to your personal information to those employees, agents, contractors and other third parties who have a business need to know. They will only process your personal information on our instructions and they are subject to a duty of confidentiality.

We have put in place procedures to deal with any suspected data security breach and will notify you and any applicable regulator of a suspected breach where we are legally required to do so.

## **Data retention**

### **How long will you use my information for?**

We will only retain your personal information for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements. Details of retention periods for different records the university holds are available in our retention policy which is available via: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/administration-and-support-services/records-and-archives/public/Retention-Schedule.pdf>.

To determine the appropriate retention period for personal data, we consider the amount, nature, and sensitivity of the personal data, the potential risk of harm from unauthorised use or disclosure of your personal data, the purposes for which we process your personal data and whether we can achieve those purposes through other means, and the applicable legal requirements.

In some circumstances we may anonymise your personal information so that it can no longer be associated with you, in which case we may use such information without further notice to you.

## **Rights of access, correction, erasure, and restriction**

### **Your duty to inform us of changes**

It is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if your personal information changes during your relationship with us.

## **Your rights in connection with personal information**

Under certain circumstances, by law you have the right to:

- **Request access** to your personal information (commonly known as a "data subject access request"). This enables you to receive a copy of the personal information we hold about you and to check that we are lawfully processing it.
- **Request correction** of the personal information that we hold about you. This enables you to have any incomplete or inaccurate information we hold about you corrected.
- **Request erasure** of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to delete or remove personal information where there is no good reason for us continuing to process it. You also have the right to ask us to delete or remove your personal information where you have exercised your right to object to processing (see below).
- **Object to processing** of your personal information where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third party) and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing on this ground. You also have the right to object where we are processing your personal information for direct marketing purposes.
- **Request the restriction of processing** of your personal information. This enables you to ask us to suspend the processing of personal information about you, for example if you want us to establish its accuracy or the reason for processing it.
- **Request the transfer** of your personal information to another party.

If you want to review, verify, correct or request erasure of your personal information, object to the processing of your personal data, or request that we transfer a copy of your personal information to another party, please contact the university Data Protection Officer in writing.

### **No fee usually required**

You will not have to pay a fee to access your personal information (or to exercise any of the other rights). However, we may charge a reasonable fee if your request for access is clearly unfounded or excessive. Alternatively, we may refuse to comply with the request in such circumstances.

### **What we may need from you**

We may need to request specific information from you to help us confirm your identity and ensure your right to access the information (or to exercise any of your other rights). This is another appropriate security measure to ensure that personal information is not disclosed to any person who has no right to receive it.

### **Right to withdraw consent**

In the limited circumstances where you may have provided your consent to the collection, processing and transfer of your personal information for a specific purpose, you have the right to withdraw your consent for that specific processing at any time. To withdraw your consent,

please contact the university Data Protection Officer. Once we have received notification that you have withdrawn your consent, we will no longer process your information for the purpose or purposes you originally agreed to, unless we have another legitimate basis for doing so in law.

### **Data Protection Officer**

We have appointed a Data Protection Officer to oversee compliance with this privacy notice. If you have any questions about this privacy notice or how we handle your personal information, please contact the Data Protection Officer at:

Imperial College London  
Data Protection Officer  
Exhibition Road  
Faculty Building Level 4  
London SW7 2AZ

e-mail: [dpo@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:dpo@imperial.ac.uk)

You have the right to make a complaint at any time to the Information Commissioner's Office (**ICO**), the UK supervisory authority for data protection issues.

### **Changes to this privacy notice**

We reserve the right to update this privacy notice at any time, and we will provide you with a new privacy notice when we make any substantial updates. We may also notify you in other ways from time to time about the processing of your personal information.

**Last updated: November 2025**