

GFBR 2026 application form PRESENTER

Thank you for your interest in attending the Global Forum on Bioethics in Research (GFBR) on the topic '**Digital footprints and real-time data in the context of health research: ethical issues**'. The provisional Forum dates are **17 & 18 November 2026**. The dates and location are subject to confirmation.

Complete this form if you are applying to present at the Forum.

If you would like to attend as a participant, please complete the participant application form, which is available on the GFBR website (gfbr.global). Also see the website for the full call for applications and a background paper on the topic.

This form contains 7 sections:

1. Data protection consent
2. Your experience and motivation to attend GFBR
3. Your case study or paper proposal, which should use the following structure:
 - o Brief description of context (350 words)
 - o Ethical analysis or discussion of governance/policy issues (700 words)
 - o Conclusions and recommendations (250 words)
4. Personal details (name, contact details etc.)
5. Work and training (your current and past jobs etc.)
6. Funding request
7. Personal references

This form **does not** allow you to save partial responses and re-open the form later on. We therefore strongly recommend you **prepare and save your written responses to Sections 2 and 3 off-line**, and copy them into this form when finalised.

Please ensure you include all the mandatory information, as incomplete applications will not be considered.

Use of Generative AI tools: What makes a successful application is the originality of the ideas and the personalised statements for what it would mean for you to attend. If you use AI for your application (e.g., for language editing, translation), please ensure your submission retains what makes you personally stand out. If your application reads like a generic response that would come from inputting the application questions into a Generative AI tool, you are not likely to be selected for participation in GFBR. You will be asked to declare the use of AI tools.

Submission deadline is **Wednesday 27 May 11.59pm CEST/Geneva**, when this form **will close automatically**. Please ensure you have **submitted** your application before the deadline. Applications that are in progress but not submitted by the deadline will not be considered. We recommend you review this form well in advance of the deadline to see what is required.

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

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Data protection consent

I hereby confirm my consent to the World Health Organization (WHO) collecting and processing my personal data for the purposes of the forthcoming GFBR, including determining the suitability and eligibility of my application to attend GFBR and/or to be a speaker/member of a panel at the Forum, registration and managing attendance, making logistical arrangements (including travel and accommodation arrangements), event follow-up, preparing statistics of global event participation by region, and sending follow-up materials to participants.

In addition, I consent to WHO collecting and processing my personal data for the following specific purposes:

- For the purposes of the discussion groups that will meet during the two days of the Forum, the name, institute and country of residence of group members will be shared with the discussion group chairs (members of the Planning and Steering Committee) in advance of the Forum.
- The personal data of presenters will be shared with the member of the Planning Committee, who has been delegated to mentor them to develop their written paper and presentation. The final papers and presentations (which contain name, institute, country) are shared with all Forum attendees.
- For the purpose of oversight, the GFBR Steering Committee will receive a summary list of attendees (name, institute, country, area of expertise and career stage).

The names and affiliations of Steering and Planning Committee members are available at: gibr.global/about-the-gibr

*WHO's personal data protection framework includes the WHO Privacy Policy available at <https://www.who.int/about/who-we-are/privacy-policy> and the UN Personal Data Protection and Privacy Principles, which are available at the following link: <https://archives.un.org/sites/archives.un.org/files/un-principles-on-personal-data-protection-privacy-hlcm-2018.pdf>

I understand that I have the right, as data subject, to access data relating to me, to be informed about the existence and the extent of data processing, to rectify incorrect personal data, to restrict the data processing and to oppose further processing on serious and legitimate grounds. I can exercise these rights by contacting the person in charge of this processing operation (gibr@who.int).

Please type your name to confirm your consent. *

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Your experience and motivation to attend GFBR

This section is about you and what you can contribute to GFBR. We want to hear about your experience in relation to research ethics and the topic and to understand how attending GFBR will benefit you professionally. **Your responses should not exceed the lengths indicated.**

Last year, only 1 in 5 applicants were selected to attend GFBR. What makes a successful application is one that reflects your own experiences and knowledge.

At the end of this section you will be asked to declare whether you have used Generative AI tools when completing your application.

What prior experience do you have in the field of research ethics? *

- Formal qualification (e.g. as part of a bioethics degree)
- Training course
- Member of a research ethics committee
- Attended workshop(s) or conference(s)
- None
- Other, please give details below

Please provide further details for every option you selected in the question above. **(200 words maximum)**

Enter your answer

What experience do you have specifically in the GFBR topic 'Digital footprints and real-time data in the context of health research: ethical issues'

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- Undertaking research that involves digital footprints and real-time data
- Published on the topic
- Served on a committee that has considered the topic
- Written or been involved in formulating policies or guidance related to the topic
- Other, please give details below
- None

Please provide further details for every option you selected in the question above. **(200 words maximum)**

Enter your answer

How do you see your participation in GFBR contributing to your career development and/or work on this topic? (150 words maximum) *

Enter your answer

What would you uniquely contribute to the Forum as a participant? (200 words maximum) *

Enter your answer

How would you disseminate the meeting outcomes to your institution and local/regional partners? Please be **specific and realistic**. (200 words maximum) *

Enter your answer

Have you **previously attended GFBR**? *

Yes

No

If yes, **what have you done with the information and learning** (e.g. presented the GFBR findings at your institution, changed practice or policy, wrote a paper, maintained new collaboration(s) etc.). GFBR wants to reach new colleagues and give an opportunity to people who have not previously attended. In this context, **please explain why you should be selected again and how attending this year will build on your previous attendance**. (200 words maximum)

Enter your answer

Have you used Generative AI tools(s) when completing this application form and/or in writing your case study or paper proposal? *

Yes

No

If yes, please explain the purpose(s) for which you used Generative AI tools (e.g. translation, editing etc.). **The use of AI for ideas generation for presentation proposals is strongly discouraged and must be declared here.**

Enter your answer

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Your case study or paper proposal

The GFBR organisers are looking for case studies and papers relevant to the GFBR topic: '**Digital footprints and real-time data in the context of health research: ethical issues**'.

We are interested in receiving:

- 1. Real-life case studies** that explore ethical dimensions of health research using human digital footprints and real-life data.
- 2. Conceptual papers** that define, clarify, and analyse key moral terms to address ethical dimensions of using digital footprints and real-time data for human health research.
- 3. Normative papers** that provide in-depth ethical analysis or explore unresolved ethical questions related to the topic.
- 4. Policy-related papers** that address ethical issues that arise from governance or policy matters related to the topic or explore the translation of ethics and value-based decision making into policy.

See the background paper for further details and examples of issues to address.

Proposals should be clearly **articulated in English and respect the specified word limits**. Please complete all of the following sections. Partially completed proposals will not be considered.

Please indicate the type of proposal you are submitting

- Case study
- Conceptual
- Normative
- Policy-related

Having read the GFBR background paper, please **indicated which sub-theme your case study or paper most closely fits in and explain why below**. If your case or paper addresses a different sub-theme select 'Other'. *

- Data quality, bias, and equity
- Data sovereignty and commodification
- Consent, privacy, and datafication
- Ethical Governance
- Other, please give details below

Please explain why and, where possible, relate your answer to your own experience **(250 words maximum)** *

Enter your answer

Title of case study or paper *

Enter your answer

Which **region** is the focus of your case study or paper? (check all the apply)

Note: We are using World Health Organization regions. You can check a country's region here:

www.who.int/countries

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- African
- Eastern Mediterranean
- Europe
- Americas
- South-East Asia
- Western Pacific

Brief description to help the reader understand the context (350 words maximum)

For example, **case studies** should describe the nature and aims of the research, where the research was conducted etc. Papers that focus on **policy or governance** issues should describe what aspect(s) you are addressing (e.g. regulation, guidance, policy issue, toolkits, ethics review, challenges for delivering good governance in a cross-sectoral health research environment, examining the role of ethics in policy-making) and its scope (national/regional/international). **Conceptual and normative papers** should provide an introduction to the analysis.

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Enter your answer

Ethical analysis or **discussion of governance/policy issues** (700 words maximum - see themes and questions in the call for application)

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A **4,000 CHARACTER LIMIT** (INCLUDING SPACES) ON RESPONSES IN MICROSOFT FORMS. IF YOUR COMMENTARY EXCEEDS THIS LIMIT PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR DESCRIPTION IN THE NEXT PART. *

Enter your answer

Ethical analysis or **discussion of governance/policy issues** (continued, if required)

Enter your answer

Conclusions and two recommendations for how to improve the ethics and/or governance of, and ethical approaches to, research that uses digital footprints and real time data (250 words maximum)

Note: We ask for recommendations because we are interested to hear about your practical suggestions based on your experience. You do not need to provide recommendations if you are submitting a conceptual or normative analysis that does not lend itself to recommendations. *

Enter your answer

References in Vancouver style (optional)

Enter your answer

List your co-author(s), if you have any, and their affiliations

NOTE: If your co-author(s) would like to attend GFBR, they will need to submit a separate application as a participant.

Enter your answer

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Personal details**First name ***

Enter your answer

Middle name

Enter your answer

Last name *

Enter your answer

Email address

Please take care to enter your address correctly. If it is incorrect we will not be able to contact you. Submissions will be acknowledged by email, after the deadline. If you have not received an acknowledgement by 6 June please email gibr@who.int to check on your submission. *

Enter your answer

Title *

- Dr
- Professor
- Mrs
- Ms
- Mr
- Other

Your career stage *

- Early (0-10 years)
- Mid (11-20 years)
- Senior (21+ years)

In which country are you based? *

Enter your answer

In which **region** are you based?

Note: We are using World Health Organization regions. You can check your country's region here: www.who.int/countries *

- African
- Eastern Mediterranean
- Europe
- Americas
- South-East Asia
- Western Pacific

Which most closely describes your **gender**? *

- Woman
- Man
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to say
- Other

Is your **English proficiency** *

- Native/bilingual
- Full professional
- Professional working
- Limited working
- Elementary
- No proficiency

What is your **preferred language** (if not English).

NOTE: the forum and discussion sessions are held in English and the expectation is that presenters present in English. If this causes you difficulty and you need language assistance, please state this here:

Enter your answer

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Work and training

Affiliation

(Name and address of the **organisation where you primarily work or study, no abbreviations**) *

Enter your answer

Institution type *

- University/Academic
- Research Institute
- Government
- Private Sector
- Philanthropy/Donor
- Non-profit/non-governmental
- International organisation
- Other

Your **position** (e.g. lecturer, research fellow, policy manager) *

Enter your answer

Areas of **expertise** (check all that apply) *

Bioethics, research ethics or philosophy

Law

Regulatory or policy

Public health

Environmental science

Medical or health sciences

One Health

Behavioral and social sciences

Biological, physical or earth sciences

Epidemiology

Computer or data science

Medicine and healthcare

Stakeholder engagement

Journalism

Other

Career history (400 words maximum)

Please provide a bullet point list summarising your **current position and previous posts** held, listing most recent first. *

Enter your answer

Educational/training history (400 words maximum)

Please provide details of **relevant** education/training, listing the most recent first. Include the date, qualification, subject, organization. *

Enter your answer

Current work (400 words maximum)

Please briefly explain **the work you are currently doing and your specific (research) interests**. *

Enter your answer

Outputs of your work

Please list any of your work **outputs that are relevant to this GFBR topic or research ethics more broadly**, if any e.g. peer reviewed papers, articles, policy briefs, blogs, presentations etc *

Enter your answer

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Funding request

Do you require funding to cover travel and accommodation costs?

NOTE: Funding is prioritised for applicants from low- and middle-income countries. *

Yes

No

Other

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Personal references

Name and contact details of two referees *

Enter your answer

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