

# Privacy Policy for TAFU-BCS Award Competition

At **TAFU** we are committed to protecting the privacy and personal data of all participants in the TAFU-BCS Award competition. This privacy policy outlines how competition data will be collected, used, stored, and protected. By participating in the TAFU-BCS Award competition, participants consent to the practices described in this policy.

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## 1. Data Collection

We collect the following information as part of the competition registration and submission process:

- **Personal Information:** Name, email address, phone number, age, and country of residence.
  - **Academic/Professional Details:** Institution name, course of study, and year of study.
  - **Submission Data:** Any documents, projects, videos, or other materials submitted as part of the competition.
  - **Feedback and Surveys:** Optional feedback provided for improving future competitions.
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## 2. Purpose of Data Collection

We collect and process data for the following purposes:

- To verify participants' eligibility.
  - To facilitate communication regarding the competition, including updates and results.
  - To evaluate submissions and determine award winners.
  - To feature winners in promotional materials, including on the websites and social media platforms of TAFU, BCS, and other sponsors.
  - To comply with legal and regulatory obligations.
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### 3. Data Sharing

We do not sell or share your data with any third parties for marketing purposes. However, data will be shared under the following conditions:

- **With Judges:** Data necessary for evaluating submissions may be shared with judges and competition partners under strict confidentiality agreements.
  - **Promotional Purposes:** Winners' names and projects will be published on TAFU, BCS and sponsors' platforms, as well as in other promotional materials. By participating in the competition, you agree to these terms. For participants under the age of 18, parental or legal guardian consent is required for data usage and publication.
  - **Legal Obligations:** If required by law or a regulatory authority.
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### 4. Data Storage and Security

We take data security seriously and implement the following measures:

- **Storage:** Data is stored securely on encrypted servers in compliance with GDPR. We use Google Drive to store competition data securely. By participating in the competition, you acknowledge that your data will be stored on this platform and is subject to Google's Privacy Policy. For more information, please refer to their privacy policy here: <https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=en-GB>
  - **Access Control:** Access to data is limited to authorised personnel involved in the competition.
  - **Retention Period:** Data will be retained only as long as necessary for competition purposes, after which it will be securely deleted (normally within 6 months post-competition).
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### 5. Participant Rights

Participants have the following rights concerning their data:

- **Access:** Request access to the personal data we hold.
- **Correction:** Request corrections to inaccurate or incomplete data.
- **Deletion:** Request deletion of data after the competition ends, unless required for legal compliance.
- **Objection:** Object to the use of personal data for specific purposes.
- **Withdrawal of Consent:** Withdraw consent for data usage at any time (this may affect competition participation).

To exercise these rights, contact us at [privacy@tafu.info](mailto:privacy@tafu.info)

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## **6. Use of AI in Data Processing**

If AI tools are used to assist with data processing or competition management, we ensure:

- Full compliance with data protection regulations.
  - Transparency in AI use and clear explanations of its role.
  - Data security and accuracy through human oversight.
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## **7. Contact Information**

For any questions or concerns about this privacy policy or how your data is handled, contact:

**TAFU Privacy Officer**

Email: [privacy@tafu.info](mailto:privacy@tafu.info)

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## **8. Policy Updates**

We may update this policy periodically to reflect changes in legal requirements or our data handling practices. Updates will be communicated via email and published on the TAFU and BCS websites.

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By participating in the TAFU-BCS Award competition, you acknowledge that you have read and understood and accepted this privacy policy.