

Doctoral Students 2021

Basic Information on Personal Data Protection and Processing for Respondents

The main objective of the **Doctoral Students 2021 Survey** is to collect data on the academic environment and living conditions of doctoral students in the Czech Republic. Students of doctoral programmes implemented in the Czech Republic are asked about their academic environment and living conditions, including characteristics of the study programme, time budget, employment, income (scholarships) and expenditure, publication record (based on providing their author ID¹), foreign mobility, and career plans. Questions on students' personal characteristics, including their personal and social background and health status, help us better understand different student groups.

Our doctoral student survey is designed as a longitudinal one, with several rounds. We intend to implement the next round in approximately one or two years (i.e., in 2022 or 2023). At the end of the questionnaire, you will be asked to provide your e-mail address for the purpose of your participation in that next survey round, one focusing on how you will have proceeded in your studies.

The Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES) in Prague, represented by Director Radim Ryška, carries out the survey and will process the data. The **Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic (MEYS)** has commissioned the survey.

Data Collect, s.r.o. implements the data collection process and will only store your data in the course of that process. When data collection is complete, your data will be transferred to CHES for further processing and anonymisation. Data Collect is a member of the SIMAR research agency association and follows the ethical principles of this association.

Your higher education institution has sent you the questionnaire invitation on our behalf without transferring to us the e-mail address used in your contact with them.

Your data will be processed for the purposes of scientific and statistical analysis.

Your answers, including several items of personal data (e.g., sex, year of birth, marital status) or any other data that might lead to indirect identification (e.g., your study programme), will be aggregated and/or anonymised. Any publication of research results will proceed in such a way that an inference about the individual survey participants' characteristics or individual answers can no longer be made.

The data and results will primarily serve the MEYS, namely to support decision making in the field of doctoral studies, to evaluate the [Strategic Plan for Higher Education for the period from 2021](#), and to develop a graduate tracking system.

The aggregate data will also be used by the higher education institutions participating in the survey. Those institutions will obtain anonymised and aggregate data for their decision making and for research purposes (e.g., as a dataset for research papers or student theses). Research institutions or researchers in the field of higher education will be able to become users of the anonymised data if they submit a justified application and only for research and non-commercial purposes.

¹ Providing it will help us link your questionnaire answers to your publication record. Since your author ID will not be included in the final dataset or in the analyses/results, users will not be able to link it to you personally.

Consent to the Processing of Personal Data

Your participation in the survey is **voluntary**. Not participating will not have any negative consequences for you.

We assure you:

- that **all survey data are used solely for scientific and statistical purposes** and will be made available to any authorised individuals or institutions only **in anonymised and aggregate form**;
- that **your personal data** (e.g., sex, year of birth, marital status) will be aggregated wherever possible (e.g., into age categories);
- that **your contact data** (i.e., e-mail address) will not be stored together with your survey data and are treated as strictly confidential. **If you choose to provide us with your contact e-mail for the purpose of later participation in the next survey round (as will be possible at the end of the questionnaire), your e-mail will only be used for contacting you for our panel survey², and it will be deleted by 30 June 2024 at the latest or at any earlier time as requested by you;**
- that **if you choose to provide us with your author identifier (ORCID, SCOPUS ID, VEDIK etc.) so that your answers can be linked to your RIV (Information Register of R&D results) publication record, your author ID will only be used for that purpose, it will not be included in the final dataset, and it will not be processed together with your questionnaire data. The same applies to the identifier of Register of Artistic outputs (RUV). Any such ID provided by you will be deleted by 30 June 2022 at the latest or at any earlier time as requested by you;**
- that **if you retract your consent, any survey data that can still (i.e., at the time of your consent retraction) be assigned to you will be deleted immediately;**
- that you have the right to know what data are being processed about you, to correct the data processed about you, to restrict the purposes for which the data can be used, to retract your consent in future, as well as to address to the relevant supervisory authority any concerns about personal data processing in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (The Office for Personal Data Protection, Pplk. Sochora 27, 170 00 Praha 7).

The observance of all data protection measures is monitored by CHES Data Protection Officer, Jan Beseda. You can contact him with any privacy questions at beseda@csvs.cz.

Our research team will be happy to provide you with general information on the research project. You can contact survey coordinator Michaela Šmídová at smidova@csvs.cz.

² Maximum once a year, for additional questions on particular aspects of your doctoral studies.