



PRIVACY POLICY/STATEMENT  
FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH  
EU General Data Protection Regulation  
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## Information for study participants

You are participating in a study conducted by the Research Foundation for Studies and Education Otus and commissioned by the National Union of University Students in Finland SYL. This specification describes how your personal data will be processed in the study.

Participation in the study is voluntary. You can choose to suspend your participation in the study without penalty. Section 13 of the specification explains your rights in more detail.

This Privacy Statement may be updated during the study as necessary.

### 1. Data Controller

Research Foundation for Studies and Education Otus sr  
Address: Lapinrinne 2, 00180 Helsinki

The data protection contact person of the Research Foundation for Studies and Education Otus: tietosuoja@otus.fi, tel. 050 367 7259

Contact person in matters concerning the study:

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### 2. Name, nature and duration of the study

The name of the study: Tracking the effects of remote teaching

This study is a case study. The data collection is carried out with a digital survey in April and May 2022. The results of the analysis will be delivered to the commissioner of the study at June 2022 latest.

The data will be handed over to the Finnish Social Science Data Archive. Studies or reports drawn up based on the data may also be published after the project has ended.

### 3. Description of the study and the purposes of processing personal data

The research project produces information for SYL about the effects of the special arrangements on university students during the corona virus epidemic. The project focuses on e.g. the wellbeing of students and the transition to working life during the emergency conditions. In addition, it examines the views of students on the skills gap and learning loss caused by the special arrangements. The focus group of the study are university students studying in Finland.

The data collection of the study is carried out with a digital survey through an open link. An invite to participate in the study will be sent through the National Union of University Students in Finland SYL, and the contact information of the students won't be collected. The study is conducted anonymously and identity attributes or information from other sources are not linked to the research data.

The survey will collect respondents' personal information (please see section 6), based on which it will be possible to indirectly identify the respondent. It is also possible that respondents provide identifying data in their free-form responses. Such data will be processed so that it will not be possible to identify individual respondents from the publication. Before the data is archived or disclosed outside of Otus, the data will be anonymised and processed where necessary to ensure that it is not possible to identify individual respondents from the data.

As part of the study we will also be collecting the participants' personal and contact details for a prize draw. The details provided for the prize draw will not be used for the study itself, and they will not be connected to the survey answers. The contact details will be deleted as soon as the prize draw has been completed.

Before anonymizing the research data, only those of Otus' researchers who have been assigned to the project have access to the survey data and the personal data register which is based on the survey. This data will never be disclosed to parties outside Otus.

The survey data will be delivered to the commissioning party, and the results of the analysis will be compiled into a report, which can be utilised and published by the commissioning party. In addition, anonymised survey data may be used in any future research and development projects implemented by Otus. The survey data may be used in other research projects to create public service reports, scientific articles and presentations that are in the general interest. Individual respondents will not be identifiable in these publications. In addition, the data gathered from the data collection is archived in the Finnish Social Science Data Archive for the scientific use of others.

## 4. Director responsible for the study and study implementers

Otus' CEO Mila Hakanen serves as the director responsible for the study. You can reach them by email [mila.hakanen@otus.fi](mailto:mila.hakanen@otus.fi) and by phone 050 345 4024.

The study will be carried out by Otus' researchers and research assistants appointed to the project, and they will all have the right to process the data in the research register.

## 5. Law basis of processing

The grounds for processing personal data in accordance with article 6 of the General Data Protection Regulation is the consent of the data subject (6a).

## 6. Information contained in study data and sensitive personal data

The study will ask you for the following information, which in turn will allow indirect identification. No information alone directly reveals your identity, but when combined together, they may reveal it to the researchers. Collected data includes:

- gender
- year of birth
- mother tongue
- Finnish citizenship
- higher education institution
- field of study
- level of education
- the year you began your current studies
- how far your studies have progressed

In open-ended answers, you may also share information that allows you to be indirectly identified.

In addition, sensitive personal data listed below will be collected and processed with the consent of the respondents (Article 9 (2a) of the General EU Data Protection Regulation):

- X Race or ethnic origin
- X Social, political or religious beliefs or trade union membership
- X Health, illness, disability or treatment
- X Sexual orientation
- Criminal act, punishment or other sanction
- Need of social services or having previously partaken in social services, support services and other benefits

## 7. Sources from which personal data is collected and aggregation of personal data

Study data will only be collected using the survey form and with the respondent's consent. Providing information by responding to the survey is voluntary. The information provided will not be combined with other data or personal data.

## 8. Transfer or disclosure of data outside the research team

At no point will personal data be disclosed to parties outside of the research team. The study data is processed in such a way that an individual respondent cannot be identified from the publications, or the data handed over outside of Otus.

## 9. Transfer or disclosure of data to countries outside the EU or the European Economic Area

Your data will not be disclosed outside the EU or EEA.

## 10. Automated decision-making and profiling

No automated decisions are made.

## 11. Protection of personal data

The data collected during the study will be processed confidentially in the manner set out by data protection legislation. The following safeguards will be used to protect the personal data:

- When the personal data is no longer required in order to carry out the research or confirm the results, the research data will be deleted, archived or transformed into a format where the research participant cannot be identified.
- The data systems are protected by user identification, and only the researchers which have been appointed to the study have access to it.
- The results will be presented without any identification data or in an anonymised form.

## 12. Processing of personal data and study data after the end of the study

Contact information provided for the prize draw will be destroyed as soon as the prize draw has taken place.

The collected study data will remain with Otus for use and will be used in coming years in Otus' various research and development projects. The data will be saved data securely on Otus' password-protected electronic network drive. The anonymised survey data will be

given to the commissioning party for further analysis. In addition, the data gathered from the data collection is archived in the Finnish Social Science Data Archive for the scientific use of others.

## 13. Your rights as a data subject, and exceptions to these rights

The contact person in matters concerning the rights of the participant is the person mentioned in section 1 of this notice.

### *Withdrawing consent (GDPR Article 7)*

You have the right to withdraw your consent, provided that the processing of the personal data is based on consent. The withdrawal of consent will not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.

### *Right of access (GDPR Article 15)*

You have the right to obtain information on whether or not personal data concerning you are being processed in the project, as well as the data being processed. You can also request a copy of the personal data undergoing processing.

### *Right to rectification (GDPR Article 16)*

If there are inaccuracies or errors in your personal data undergoing processing, you have the right to request their rectification or supplementation.

### *Right to erasure (GDPR Article 17)*

You have the right to request the erasure of your personal data on the following grounds:

- a) The personal data are no longer necessary in relation to the purposes for which they were collected or otherwise processed.
- b) You withdraw the consent on which the processing was based, and there are no other legal grounds for the processing.
- c) You object to the processing (the right to object is described below), and there are no justified grounds for the processing.
- d) The personal data have been unlawfully processed, or
- e) The personal data must be erased to comply with a legal obligation in Union or Member State law to which the controller is subject.

The right to erasure does not apply if the erasure of data renders impossible or seriously impairs the achievement of the objectives of the processing in scientific research.

### *Right to restriction of processing (GDPR Article 18)*

You have the right to restrict the processing of your personal data on the following grounds:

- a) You contest the accuracy of the personal data, whereupon the processing will be restricted for a period enabling the Research Foundation for Studies and Education Otus to verify their accuracy.

- b) The processing is unlawful, and you oppose the erasure of the personal data, requesting the restriction of their use instead.
- c) Otus no longer needs the personal data for the purposes of the processing, but you need them for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.
- d) You have objected to processing (see details below) pending verification of whether the legitimate grounds of the controller override those of the data subject.

#### *Right to data portability (GDPR Article 20)*

You have the right to receive the personal data you have submitted to Otus in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format and have the right to transmit these data to another controller without hindrance from Otus, provided that the processing is based on consent or a contract, and the processing is carried out by automated means.

When exercising your right to data portability, you have the right to have your personal data transmitted from one controller to another, where technically feasible.

#### *Right to object (GDPR Article 21)*

You have the right to object to processing your personal data, provided that the processing is based on the public interest or legitimate interests. Otus will no longer have the right to process your personal data unless it can demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for the processing that override the interests, rights and freedoms of the data subject, or unless it is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims. Otus can continue processing your personal data also when necessary for the performance of a task carried out for reasons of the public interest.

#### *Derogating from rights*

In certain individual cases, derogations from the rights described here may be made on the basis of the GDPR and the Finnish Data Protection Act, insofar as the rights render impossible or seriously impair the achievement of scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes. The need for derogations will always be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

#### *Right to lodge a complaint*

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Ombudsman's Office if you think your personal data has been processed in violation of applicable data protection laws.

Contact information:

Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman (Tietosuojavaltuutetun toimisto)

Address: Lintulahdenkuja 4, 00530 Helsinki

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