



Information on Joint Control

pursuant to Article 26(2), sentence 2 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As part of the implementation of the joint consecutive master's program "Matter to Life," the following entities

- the University of Heidelberg (UHD) and
- Georg-August University of Göttingen (UGö)

collaborate closely together. This also applies to the processing of personal data of applicants and students. The parties have jointly agreed on the following processes for processing this data. They are therefore jointly responsible for the protection of personal data within the processes described below (Art. 26 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)).

For which stages of the process does joint responsibility apply?

The parties jointly determine the purposes and essential means of processing personal data in connection with the joint master's program "Matter to Life." Joint responsibility covers the following processes:

- Application and admission process: Receipt, review, and selection of applications for the joint degree program
- Examination administration: Organization, conduct, and documentation of examinations, as well as the recording and management of examination results
- Academic organization: Management of course registrations for joint courses, mobility data between campuses, and decisions on credit recognition
- Issuance of the joint degree certificate: Preparation and issuance of the joint degree document

To the extent that the contracting parties process personal data of their students and employees within their respective exclusive jurisdiction of responsibility (e.g., internal administration, their own IT systems, semester fees), there is no joint responsibility.



What personal data is processed?

Within the framework of joint responsibility, the following categories of data are processed:

- Applicant data: name, address, date of birth, nationality, proof of qualifications, selection process data
- Exam administration data: exam registrations, exam results, academic transcripts, graduation documentation
- Academic organization data: Course registrations for joint courses, mobility data between campuses, recognition data
- Data for the joint certificate: Name, date of birth, degree program, degree awarded, graduation date, overall grade

What have the parties agreed upon?

As part of their joint responsibility under data protection law, the cooperation partners have agreed on which party fulfills which obligations under the GDPR. This applies in particular to the exercise of data subjects' rights and the fulfillment of information obligations pursuant to Articles 13 and 14 of the GDPR.

What does this mean for data subjects?

Even though joint responsibility exists, the parties fulfill their data protection obligations in accordance with their respective responsibilities for the individual processes as follows: The institution that processes the data in each case assumes responsibility under data protection law as well as the duty of care for the respective data processing.

For data subjects, this means that both entities are jointly responsible for ensuring that the processing of their personal data within the framework of the program is lawful and adequately protected. They may exercise their rights (e.g., access, rectification, erasure, restriction of processing, or objection) with either of the two entities. The entity addressed is obligated to process the request and involve the other party to the extent necessary to provide an appropriate response. The data will be stored only as long as required by in accordance with applicable higher education and examination regulations, and will subsequently be deleted or archived in accordance with the relevant legal requirements.



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Supervisory Authority:

You also have the right to file a complaint with a data protection supervisory authority regarding the processing of your personal data.

For Heidelberg University:

The State Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information of Baden-Württemberg
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