

# CACHE Privacy Policy

The mission of CACHE – ‘Critical Assessment of Computation Hit Finding Experiments’ (“**CACHE**”) is to accelerate the development of computational approaches to small molecule hit-finding through an open science approach that enriches the public domain with useful knowledge about human proteins of potential biological and therapeutic interest. CACHE aims to do this (1) by offering a series of benchmarking competitions (“**Challenges**”) against selected protein targets through which CACHE will experimentally validate and score binding predictions generated by participants’ computational algorithms, and (2) by publicly disclosing predicted binders and successful hit compounds, along with associated experimental data, in order to catalyze research in new areas of human disease biology and drug discovery.

We understand the importance of data security and privacy, while we also adhere to openness as a core value. Some information you contribute to CACHE or its Challenges as an applicant or participant is treated as Confidential Information pursuant to the CACHE Terms of Participation at [https://cache-challenge.org/CACHE\\_terms\\_of\\_participation.pdf](https://cache-challenge.org/CACHE_terms_of_participation.pdf). We commit to only disclosing such Confidential Information without your permission as required by law or as otherwise specified herein or in the Terms of Participation. Other than information designated as Confidential Information, please assume that non-personal information you contribute intentionally to CACHE and its Challenges is or will become public.

This Privacy Policy applies to information, other than publicly available information, that personally identifies you (“**personal information**”) and that is collected by CACHE on its webpages or via your applications or submissions to CACHE Challenges, or that is otherwise provided by you to CACHE. This Privacy Policy explains how CACHE collects, uses, and discloses your personal information. Use of CACHE’s webpages or provision of any personal information to CACHE constitutes agreement to this Privacy Policy. Please note that if you are an applicant or participant in one or more CACHE Challenges, you are required to further agree to the terms and conditions in the CACHE Terms of Participation at [https://cache-challenge.org/CACHE\\_terms\\_of\\_participation.pdf](https://cache-challenge.org/CACHE_terms_of_participation.pdf). If there is any conflict between the Terms of Participation and this Privacy Policy, the Terms of Participation shall prevail.

## **What personal information do we collect?**

CACHE may collect the following personal information that can be used to contact or identify you:

- First and last name
- Title and position
- Email address
- Phone number
- Physical address
- Institutional affiliation
- Department

- Sector
- Qualifications
- Publication history
- CACHE website usage data

Please note that usage data is collected automatically. Usage data may include information such as your device's IP address, browser type, browser version, our webpages that you visit, the time and date of your visit, the time spent on those webpages, unique device identifiers, and other diagnostic data. When you access the webpages through a mobile device, we may collect certain additional information automatically, including but not limited to the type of mobile device, your mobile device unique ID, the IP address of your mobile device, your mobile operating system, the type of mobile internet browser you use, unique device identifiers, and other diagnostic data. We may also collect information that your browser sends whenever you visit or log in to our webpages.

### **How do we collect your personal information?**

We only collect personal information that you directly provide to CACHE. We collect and process personal information when you:

- View or use our webpages
- Create a profile or log in to an account on our webpages
- Submit applications to us to participate in CACHE Challenges
- Make submissions as a participant in a CACHE Challenge
- Contact us, via email or otherwise.

### **How do we use your personal information?**

CACHE collects your personal information so that we can:

- Understand how people use our webpages for analytics purposes so that we can make the webpages more user-friendly and intuitive
- Manage your account and registration as an applicant or participation in one or more CACHE Challenges
- Administer the CACHE Challenge application and submission review and scoring process
- Contact you by email, phone, or other equivalent forms of electronic communication regarding CACHE and its Challenges
- Provide you with general information about new CACHE Challenges or other initiatives of CACHE or its partners that may be of interest to you
- Attend to and manage your requests and questions to us
- Conduct data analysis, identify usage trends, determine effectiveness of our promotional campaigns, and evaluate and improve the CACHE program, including to monitor the usage and participation in CACHE Challenges

CACHE may share your personal information in the following situations:

- With partner organizations engaging in related initiatives so that they may contact you or provide you with relevant information, in which case we will require those partners to honour this Privacy Policy.
- With other CACHE Challenge applicants and participants, and with third-party reviewers, and/or publicly in connection with the results of a CACHE Challenge, but only in accordance with the Terms of Participation at [https://cache-challenge.org/CACHE\\_terms\\_of\\_participation.pdf](https://cache-challenge.org/CACHE_terms_of_participation.pdf)
- As required by law or in response to valid requests of public authorities (e.g. courts or government agencies)
- As necessary for CACHE to enforce this Privacy Policy or defend against legal claims or liabilities
- For any other purpose with your consent

### **How do we store your data?**

CACHE securely stores your personal information on a cloud-based server. Access to the server is restricted and protected by firewalls, including network firewalls and application-level firewalls. The security of your personal information is important to us but please remember that no method of transmission over the internet, or method of electronic storage is 100% secure. While we strive to use commercially acceptable means to protect your personal information, we cannot guarantee its absolute security.

CACHE will keep your personal information only for as long as necessary for the purposes set out in this Privacy Policy and to comply with our legal obligations or resolve any disputes.

Your personal information may be transferred to and maintained on computers located outside of your state, province, country, or other governmental jurisdiction where the data protection laws may differ from those of your jurisdiction. Your consent to this Privacy Policy represents your agreement to such transfers. CACHE will take all steps reasonably necessary to ensure that your personal information is treated securely and in accordance with this Privacy Policy and no transfer of your personal information will take place to a jurisdiction unless there are adequate controls in place, including with respect to the security of your personal information.

### **Communication about other initiatives**

CACHE may send you information about other Challenges or other initiatives of CACHE or its partners that we think might be of relevance to you. You may opt out of such communications by contacting us as specified below under “How to contact us”.

### **What are your data protection rights?**

CACHE would like to make sure you are fully aware of all of your data protection rights. Every user is entitled to the following:

- **The right to access** – You have the right to request CACHE for copies of your personal information. We may charge you a small fee for this service.

- **The right to rectification** – You have the right to request that CACHE correct any information you believe is inaccurate. You also have the right to request CACHE to complete the information you believe is incomplete.
- **The right to erasure** – You have the right to request that CACHE erase your personal information, under certain conditions.
- **The right to restrict processing** – You have the right to request that CACHE restrict the processing of your personal information, under certain conditions.
- **The right to object to processing** – You have the right to object to CACHE’s processing of your personal information, under certain conditions.
- **The right to data portability** – You have the right to request that CACHE transfer the data that we have collected to another organization, or directly to you, under certain conditions.

If you make a request, we have one month to respond to you. If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact us as specified below under “How to contact us”.

## Cookies

Cookies are text files placed on your computer to collect standard Internet log information and visitor behavior information. When you visit our webpages, we may collect information from you automatically through cookies or similar technology. For further information about cookies, visit <https://www.allaboutcookies.org/>.

### How do we use cookies?

CACHE uses cookies in a range of ways to improve your experience on our website, including:

- Understanding how you use our webpages
- Distinguishing you from other users of our webpages
- Allowing you to log in to your user account and keeping you logged in

### What types of cookies do we use?

There are a number of different types of cookies, however, our webpages use:

- **Functionality** – CACHE uses these cookies so that we recognize you on our webpages and remember your previously selected preferences and account information.
- **Usage Data** – CACHE uses these cookies to collect information about your visit to our website, the content you viewed, the links you followed and information about your browser, device, and your IP address.

The below table identifies the specific cookies we use and explains the purposes for which they are used:

Provider	Cookie name	Purpose
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Cache-challenge.org	SESS	This cookie is used to hold login information for the users of the site
	Drupal.visitor.application_form_login	This is cookie is used to store applicant login ID and the CACHE Challenge ID the applicant is applying for
Google analytics	_gat, _gid, _ga, _utma, _utmz	These cookies are used to collect information about how visitors use the webpages. We use the information to compile reports and to help us improve the webpages. These cookies collect information in an anonymous form, including the number of visitors to the webpages, locations of visitors, and pages visited.

**How to manage cookies**

You can set your browser not to accept cookies, and the above website tells you how to remove cookies from your browser. However, in a few cases, some of our webpages’ features may not function as a result.

**Privacy policies of other websites**

The CACHE webpages may contain links to other websites. Such websites are not governed by this Privacy Policy, so if you click on a link to another website, you should read that website’s privacy policy. We have no control over and assume no responsibility for the content, privacy policies, or practices of any third-party sites or services.

**Changes to our Privacy Policy**

CACHE keeps its privacy policy under regular review and places any updates on this web page. This privacy policy was last updated on March 18, 2022.

**How to contact us**

If you have any questions about CACHE’s privacy policy or the personal information we hold about you, if you would like to exercise one of your data protection rights, or if you would like to unsubscribe from CACHE communications, please do not hesitate to contact us at [cache@thesgc.org](mailto:cache@thesgc.org).