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# Cookies Policy

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This is our primary objective to protect the personal information you are sharing with us in the process of joining MRC. The purpose of this document is to reflect our high standards established to collect, use, disclose, transfer, and store your data according to the UKGDPR regulations. It is intended to be read by all staff members, students, alumni, and website visitors.

## **What are Cookies?**

A cookie is a small file of information that the MRC server sends on your computer or smart device to record your preference and other information. If you access our website, our web server can read from and react to stored information to provide a more user-friendly experience. Our cookies store information about online services, e.g., language preference, privacy settings, and information on your frequently visited pages.

## **What data do cookies store?**

Cookies collected by the MRC web server do not collect your personal, sensitive information or anything that makes you personally identifiable. Most cookies are used to record information such as; how you found our website. Which pages did you view? And how long you spent on the website. Cookies are also used to store information such as language setting or accessibility requirements etc.

## **How long do we retain the cookies?**

Different cookies are stored for various lengths of time. For instance, cookies designed to track how you found us expire after six months. Cookies used to establish and continue a unique user session are updated each time you request another page from the website, and the cookie is set to expire after 30 minutes. Finally, cookies allow us to identify subsequent visits to our website as belonging to the same (unique) visitor and expire after two years.

## **Are cookies transferred to other websites?**

No, cookies are not transferable to another website. However, the webserver that sent the cookie can reaccess it when a user returns to a website associated with that web server.

## **Why does the organization use cookies?**

We use the data collected to report, in the aggregate, how our visitors find and use our website. We use those reports to understand overall visitor behavior, and we use that understanding to update and improve our website. For instance, we use cookies to calculate the amount of 'traffic' to our site and look at navigation through the site to see the most popular pages and routes to information.

## **Can cookies damage my computer?**

We use the data collected to report, in the aggregate, how our visitors find and use our website. We use those reports to understand overall visitor behavior, and we use that understanding to update and improve our website. For instance, we use cookies to calculate the amount of 'traffic' to our site and look at navigation through the site to see the most popular pages and routes to information.

## How can I opt out of cookies?

You will need to visit our **Cookies** settings box and make sure that none of the boxes is ticked so that no cookies are stored on your computer.

## Are there any exceptions to the request for approval?

Only cookies deemed 'strictly necessary for a service requested by the user are exempt from this requirement. However, we will ask you for your permission for all the cookies we use on our site.

## Will I still be able to use the website if I opt out of cookies?

You will still be able to use the website, but you will be prompted to accept or reject cookies on certain pages, and your experience of the website may not be as good as it should be. In addition, you will not be able to use certain services if you opt out of cookies, for instance, our booking forms. If you delete all your cookies, you will have to update your preferences again to use our site.

## Will I have to opt in every time I visit the website?

If you do not accept cookies, you will be prompted to opt-in every time you visit the website. If you accept all *cookies*, you will not be asked again, provided you are using the same computer. However, if you use a different device, computer profile, or browser, you will have to tell us your preferences again.

## How can I find out more about your use of cookies?

You can read our list of cookies in the Cookies settings pop-up box. If you have any further questions, please email [vle@mrcollege.ac.uk](mailto:vle@mrcollege.ac.uk). Visit our website [www.mrcollege.ac.uk](http://www.mrcollege.ac.uk)