

CERN Alumni Programme

Terms and conditions of participation in the Programme and access to the CERN Alumni platform

Thank you for your interest in the CERN Alumni Programme (“the Programme”).

The Programme, together with the CERN Alumni website (“the site”) and the CERN Alumni application (“the app”) (together, “the platform”), are provided by the European Organization for Nuclear Research (“CERN”) and are administered by the CERN Office of Alumni Relations (“OAR”). CERN uses community management software, Hivebrite, which is provided and supported by Kit United.

These terms and conditions apply to all members of the Programme and visitors to the platform (“you”). By participating in the Programme and/or by accessing the platform, you agree to be bound by them; in the event that they are revised, your on-going consent will be sought.

Information about you and your visits to the platform

CERN processes information about you, including personal data, in accordance with the [CERN Alumni Service Privacy Notice](#), which forms an integral part of these terms and conditions.

To the extent that Kit United processes your personal data, their contractual relationship with CERN requires them to comply with all applicable laws and use industry standard security measures.

Participation in the Programme and access to the platform

You may participate in the Programme and use the platform only within its intended and lawful purposes.

CERN Alumni communities and groups are intended to enable lively, civil informational interactions, whether in person or through the platform. In furtherance of this objective, participation is governed by the CERN [Code of Conduct](#) as well as applicable internal and national legislation. Accordingly, content that is abusive, off-topic, uses foul language, or includes *ad hominem* attacks will not be tolerated. At its sole discretion, CERN may refuse or remove any content at any time, for any reason.

Programme members shall not act in a manner that misrepresents their association with CERN; could cause prejudice to the Organization; or, implies its endorsement of them, their activities or the content of their User submission or communication.

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Programme and platform content/services

Whilst CERN aims to update information concerning the Programme and the platform regularly, such content may, at any given time, be inaccurate or out of date.

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You must keep your login information and password confidential and must not disclose them to any third party. Neither the CERN Office of Alumni Relations nor CERN's IT services will ever ask you for your password. It is your responsibility to update this information as necessary.

You are responsible for the use of your account and all data that you provide must be true and accurate.

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Child Safety Standards Policy

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Any explicit content or child sexual abuse and exploitation (CSAE) is strongly prohibited on the platform.

Compliance with Child Safety laws & reporting

The platform complies with applicable child safety laws and regulations. CERN will remove all content shared within the app that is inappropriate for a mixed audience, including children to access.

In particular, any CSAM (Child Safety Abuse Material) or other inappropriate content will be systematically removed from the platform when flagged or reported through our moderation features, or if CERN is directly contacted for this purpose. CSAM consists of any visual depiction, including but not limited to photos, videos and computer-generated imagery, involving the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct. CERN will systematically take action to

report confirmed CSAM content to the relevant authorities.

Child safety point of contact

You can contact alumni.relations@alumni.cern if you detect or suspect that CSAM content is accessible on the platform.

Privacy and Data Protection

CERN is committed to protecting user data, especially for children under 13, in compliance with applicable regulations. The relevant privacy policy is displayed clearly and is accessible from the platform. All data shared through the platform is encrypted during transmission and stored securely.

Ads and Monetization

The app does not include ads or monetised content.

Transparency and Disclosures

Data safety: Detailed information is provided as per Google Play's Data safety form.

Content ratings: IARC 3+, L, E, 3, 3, USK 0

Validation and updates

Regular internal testing is conducted by Hivebrite to ensure compliance with Google Play's child safety standards, including functionality reviews and content audits. In light of this testing, CERN's policies are reviewed quarterly or as required to align with updated child safety standards.

User submissions and communication

Certain functionalities of the platform permit you to submit or upload user-generated content ("User Submission") or to communicate with other participants.

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- a) use, distribute, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, translate, publicly perform, and publicly display your User Submission (or any modification thereof), in whole or in part, in any format or medium now known or later developed; and
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CERN is not responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to your User Submission or communication. You agree that your User Submission and communication will be considered non-confidential and non-proprietary.

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 - iv. does not contain spyware, adware, viruses, worms, or other potentially damaging programs or files and does not jeopardize computer security at CERN;
 - v. does not violate any applicable law;
 - vi. is not known by you to contain false, inaccurate, or misleading information;
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Disclaimer

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- content uploaded by third parties or any third-party websites linked through the platform. In particular, CERN accepts no liability in respect of the accuracy or veracity of any career opportunity advertised by third parties via the CERN Alumni website.

[As set out above](#), CERN shall take appropriate measures to protect the personal data you submit as part of your registration in the Programme. However, CERN is not responsible for any personal data that you choose to make visible in your profile or choose to share in other contexts through the Programme or the platform (e.g. at alumni events or through site postings).

In the event that you become aware of any errors, inappropriate content or malicious software or activity on the platform, please contact [CERN Office of Alumni Relations](#) so that we can take the necessary action.

Breach

If CERN determines that you have breached any of these terms and conditions, it may take such action at any time as it deems appropriate, including suspending or disabling your account. You agree to indemnify CERN and its suppliers for all claims brought by third parties arising out of or in connection with any such breach.

If you breach these terms and conditions and we take no action, we will still be entitled to use our rights and remedies in any other situation of breach.

Jurisdiction

Pursuant to CERN's status as an Intergovernmental Organization, these terms and conditions shall be interpreted in accordance with their true meaning and effect and independently of any national or local law.

Solely insofar as these terms and conditions are silent, ambiguous or unclear, then, in those circumstances only and solely in respect of those circumstances and not in respect of the agreement as a whole, reference shall be made to Swiss substantive law.

Any disputes under this agreement shall, to the extent possible, be settled amicably. That failing, you agree to arbitrate any such dispute in accordance with the procedure set out in the [CERN General Conditions of Contract](#).

General

Nothing in these terms and conditions is intended to nor shall confer any benefit on any third party.

If any of these terms and conditions is deemed invalid, void, or for any reason unenforceable, that provision will be deemed severable and will not affect the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions.

Questions or concerns - contact details

If you have any questions about the Programme or the platform, or these terms and conditions, or any concerns about material which appears on our platform, or if you wish to make any use of material on our platform other than that as set out in these terms and conditions, please contact CERN at alumni.relations@cern.ch .

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