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TO: School of Medicine Faculty

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SUBJECT: European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

You are receiving this memo because a new and extensive privacy requirement has been adopted by certain European countries, and these regulations may affect your current research or future planned projects.

Effective May 25, 2018, Stanford University is required to comply with the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which regulates the collection, processing, storage, transfer, and protection of personal information, including data collected for research. The GDPR is a comprehensive privacy law that governs any entity that collects or processes the personal data of any citizen of the member states of the European Economic Area (<https://www.tripsavvy.com/countries-that-are-eea-countries-1626682>).

As a result, Stanford has begun to collect information on sponsored projects to determine whether GDPR will affect the research data that will be collected. Beginning June 7, you will be prompted to answer the following questions on the PDRF or the Proposal Intake Form for all proposal submissions:

*Will any information (i.e. personal data) relating to an identified or identifiable natural person in the European Economic Area – EEA (i.e. EU members, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) be:*

- a. Processed (e.g. collected, recorded, stored, used, analyzed, disclosed, published, aggregated, consulted, or destroyed) in the performance of this work, either within or outside the EU?*
- b. Transferred into or out of the EU?*

For research that includes human subjects, language for the consent will be provided to you during IRB review. The language will inform participants about their study data regulated under the GDPR.

If you have specific questions about GDPR, please contact the Privacy Office at [privacy@stanford.edu](mailto:privacy@stanford.edu) or 650-725-1828. You can also find additional information on GDPR at <https://privacy.stanford.edu/gdpr/training>