

*Please note: This is a translation of the German "Datenschutzhinweise zur landesweiten Absolventenstudie". The German original remains the only legally binding version.*

### Data Protection Notice

In accordance with the obligation to provide information pursuant to Articles 13, 14 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Hochschule Geisenheim University provides you with information on how your personal data will be processed within the context of the graduate survey.

#### Responsibility

Responsible organization in terms of data protection law:  
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#### Contact for Questions

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#### Contact for Data Protection Issues

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Hochschule Geisenheim University has appointed an external data protection officer.

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80335 München  
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Email: [info@dataguard.de](mailto:info@dataguard.de)

#### Purpose of Data Processing

Hochschule Geisenheim University takes part in the statewide graduate survey in Hesse, which is coordinated by the Institute of Applied Statistics (ISTAT) as part of a cooperation project of Hessian higher education institutions. The web server for conducting the survey is also operated by ISTAT.

Primarily, the survey includes questions on the graduates' entry into the job market and provides insights into the number of graduates who continued their studies with a master's degree or doctorate. In addition, graduates are surveyed on their success on the job market (time required to find an occupation, salary, type of contract and job suitability), and are asked to retroactively assess their study conditions.

Personal data are processed for the purpose of conducting the survey. In order to individualize the survey, Hochschule Geisenheim University provides ISTAT with a list containing the following information:

- Type of degree
- Degree program
- Time of graduation
- Final grade
- Gender
- Year of birth
- Nationality
- Zip code of the place of study

ISTAT generates an individual access code for each graduate, which is linked to these data so that the questionnaire is tailored to the individual respondent. ISTAT cannot associate these data with names, addresses or student ID numbers at any time. Address data are never stored in one file with answers entered in the questionnaire, which means that the survey is completely anonymous at any time.

Hochschule Geisenheim University is responsible for inviting graduates to take part in the survey, sending reminders and communicating with the participants. For this purpose, Hochschule Geisenheim University primarily uses email addresses of graduates as well as their postal addresses, student ID numbers and phone numbers.

At the end of the online questionnaire you have the option to consent to further surveys. If you wish to take part in these follow-up surveys, you will be asked to provide your address. This address data is stored externally and is not available to the university.

The survey data is processed and presented by ISTAT. In addition, the evaluation team of Hochschule Geisenheim University can carry out own evaluations for specific questions. All results are presented in an aggregated form and do not allow individuals to be identified.

### **Legal Basis for Processing Personal Data**

The legal basis for the processing of personal data in the context of the planned graduate survey is Article 6 para. 1 lit. e. GDPR. The performance of the task carried out in the public interest results from Section 14 (1) Hess HG (Hessian Higher Education Act). The right to use the corresponding personal data results from Section 14 (7) Hess HG (Hessian Higher Education Act).

The processing of your personal data by ISTAT within the context of the survey is justified by your consent according to Article 6 para. 1 lit. a. GDPR.

### **Storage Period**

Your contact data used for sending out invitations and reminders will be deleted immediately after the end of the survey when the results are available.

If you have provided ISTAT with your address as part of your consent to take part in further surveys, you may revoke your consent to the use of your address data at any time and request their deletion if there is no other legal basis for their processing.

### **Your Rights**

You have the right to obtain information from Hochschule Geisenheim University on whether you belong to the group of persons concerned. If this is the case, you have the right to know which personal data is processed for which purpose and how long it is stored.

In the case that your personal data is incomplete or incorrect, you have the right to have it updated or corrected. In accordance with Article 17 GDPR you are entitled to have your data deleted.

If you have given your consent to the processing of your data, you may revoke your consent at any time. The processing of your data that took place until you revoke your consent remains lawful despite your revocation.

In addition, you have the right to lodge a complaint, e.g. with the data protection officer of Hochschule Geisenheim University or a supervisory authority, e.g. the Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information of the State of Hesse, Prof. Dr. Roßnagel:

Email: [poststelle@datenschutz.hessen.de](mailto:poststelle@datenschutz.hessen.de)

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Fridays 8:30 am -12 noon).