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2026 Visiting Scholars program

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The ethical checklist is composed of a list of questions to which the candidate and the host laboratory must answer. Additional pages may be added for the justification of any issue.

Candidate's name:

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| **Privacy** | NO | YES |
| Does the proposal involve processing of genetic information or personal data (e.g. health, sexual lifestyle, ethnicity, political opinions, religious or philosophical convictions)? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve tracking the location or observation of people? |  |  |
| Justify your YES or NO answer and if there are ethical implications, describe the procedures you will develop to handle them (additional pages available)  |
| **Research on Humans/Informed Consent** | NO | YES |
| Does the proposal involve Humans? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve children? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve patients or persons not able to give consent? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve healthy adult volunteers? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve Human Genetic Material? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve Human biological samples? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve Human data collection? |  |  |
| Justify your YES or NO answer and if there are ethical implications, describe the procedures you will develop to handle them (additional pages available)  |
| **Research on Human embryos/foetuses** | NO | YES |
| Does the proposal involve Human Embryos? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve Human Foetal Tissue/Cells? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells? |  |  |
| Does the proposal for Human Embryonic Stem Cells involve cells in culture? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve the derivation of cells from Human Embryos ? |  |  |
| Justify your YES or NO answer and if there are ethical implications, describe the procedures you will develop to handle them (additional pages available)  |
| **Research Involving Developing Countries** | NO | YES |
| Does the proposal involve using local resources (genetic, animal, plant, etc…)? |  |  |
| Does the proposal benefit local communities (capacity building i.e. access to healthcare, education, etc…)? |  |  |
| Justify your YES or NO answer and if there are ethical implications, describe the procedures you will develop to handle them (additional pages available) |
| **Environmental impact** | NO | YES |
| Does the proposal involve genetically modified organism (GMOs)? |  |  |
| Does the proposal have an impact on biodiversity? |  |  |
| May the proposal have a negative impact on the health of populations? |  |  |
| Will the research waste be handled with in the course of the project? |  |  |
| Justify your YES or NO answer and if there are ethical implications, describe the procedures you will develop to handle them (additional pages available)  |
| **Research on Animals** | NO | YES |
| Does the proposal involve animals? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve small transgenic laboratory animals? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve transgenic farm animals? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve cloned farm animals? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve non-human primates? |  |  |
| Justify your YES or NO answer and if there are ethical implications, describe the procedures you will develop to handle them (additional pages available)  |
| **Research on ICT implants and bio/nano-electronics** | NO | YES |
| Does the proposal involve clinical trials of ICT implants? |  |  |
| Does the proposal involve clinical trials of products or devices including nanoparticles or nanodevices? |  |  |
| Justify your YES or NO answer and if there are ethical implications, describe the procedures you will develop to handle them (additional pages available)  |
| **Dual Use** | NO | YES |
| Does the proposal deal with research having direct military/terrorist applications? |  |  |
| Does the proposal deal with research having the potential for terrorist abuse? |  |  |
| Justify your YES or NO answer and if there are ethical implications, describe the procedures you will develop to handle them (additional pages available)  |
| **Conflict of interest** | NO | YES |
| Does the proposal involve a link and/or conflict of interest with any third party? |  |  |
| Justify your YES or NO answer and if there are ethical implications, describe the procedures you will develop to handle them (additional pages available)   |
| **Other ethical issues** | NO | YES |
| Are there **OTHER** activities in the proposal that may raise **Ethical Issues**? |  |  |
| If YES, please specify |