

Privacy Policy, Terms & Conditions, and Refund Policy

Scinova International Frontier Research (SIFR), UK

1. Privacy Policy

1.1 Data Collection

We collect the following information:

- Personal Data: Name, email, affiliation, and payment details (for awards/fellowships).
- Research Data: Publications, CVs, and nomination documents submitted voluntarily.
- Automated Data: Cookies, IP addresses, and browsing behavior on [www.sifr.org.uk].

1.2 Use of Data

- To process applications, awards, and memberships.
- To improve services and send updates (opt-out available).
- Never sold/shared with third parties for marketing.

1.3 Data Protection

- Compliant with UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018.
- Encrypted storage; retained only as long as necessary.

1.4 Your Rights

- Request access, correction, or deletion of your data.
- Withdraw consent (email: [data-protection@sifr.org.uk]).

2. Terms & Conditions

2.1 General Use

- Website content is for informational purposes only.
- Unauthorized use of SIFR's name/logo is prohibited.

2.2 Awards & Fellowships

- Submissions must be original work; plagiarism voids eligibility.
- SIFR reserves the right to revoke awards for ethical breaches.

2.3 Intellectual Property

- Nominees retain rights to their research; SIFR may showcase work with permission.

2.4 Liability

- SIFR is not liable for:
 - Indirect damages (e.g., reputational or financial loss).
 - Errors in third-party links (e.g., partner institutions).

3. Refund & Cancellation Policy

3.1 Fees

- Award Nominations: Free of charge.
- Fellowship Induction: 150\$ one-time fee (non-refundable).
- Events/Conferences: Refundable if cancelled 30+ days prior.

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3.2 Refund Process

- Request via email within 14 days of payment.
- Approved refunds processed in 30 business days.

3.3 Force Majeure

- No refunds for cancellations due to natural disasters, pandemics, or legal restrictions.

4. Dispute Resolution

- Step 1: Email complaints to [governance@sifr.org.uk] (resolution within 30 days).
- Step 2: Unresolved issues escalate to UK arbitration under English law.

5. Amendments

- Policies updated annually; users notified via email/website banners.

Cookie Policy

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1. What Are Cookies?

Small text files stored on your device when visiting [www.sifr.org.uk] to enhance functionality.

2. Types Used

Category	Purpose	Duration	
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Essential	Login, payment processing	Session	

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Analytics (Google)	Traffic measurement (anonymized IPs)	12 months	
Preferences	Language/display settings	6 months	
Marketing	SIFR event promotions (opt-out available)	3 months	

3. Your Control

- Browser Settings: Block/delete cookies (may affect site performance).
- Consent Banner: Accept/reject non-essential cookies on first visit.

Opt-Out Links:

- [Google Analytics](<https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout>)
- [Ad Settings](<https://adssettings.google.com/>)

Research Ethics Code

1. Integrity Principles

- Honesty: No fabrication/falsification of data.
- Attribution: Proper citation; plagiarism = immediate disqualification.
- Transparency: Conflicts of interest must be declared.

2. Investigation Process

1. Complaint Submission: Via [ethics@sifr.org.uk] (anonymous allowed).
2. Review Panel: 3 SIFR Fellows + 1 external expert.
3. Resolution Timeline: 60 days (extensions for complex cases).

3. Penalties

- Minor Breaches: Formal warning + retraction.
- Major Fraud: Lifetime ban from SIFR programs + public notice.


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4. Whistleblower Protection

- Confidentiality guaranteed; retaliation prohibited.

Contact

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