

Open Chagas Project Submission Terms and Conditions

Welcome to the Open Chagas Project, a DNDi initiative. By submitting your research project through the Open Chagas submission platform, you agree to abide by the following Terms and Conditions. Please read them carefully before submitting your project.

1. Agreement to Terms

By submitting a research project (the "Submission") to the Open Chagas Project, you ("Researcher") agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions which apply to the Stage 1, Survey of the Project Stages of *Open Chagas*, DNDi's Privacy Policy which can be found at <https://dndi.org/privacy/>, and DNDi's Terms of Use which can be found at <https://dndi.org/terms-of-use/>. If you do not agree with any part of these terms, you must not submit your project.

2. Eligibility

Researchers submitting projects must be at least 18 years old and have the legal authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of their institution or themselves. Researchers must be professionally affiliated with an institution based in Latin America. Multiple affiliations, including affiliations with institutions outside Latin America, are permitted as long as one of the affiliations is with a Latin American institution.

3. Submission Process

Submission Criteria: Projects must be related to the identification of new antiparasitic treatments for Chagas disease (early drug discovery up to preclinical stage) and must include all required documentation as specified in the [Request for Information Form](#), and described in the submission form.

Submission Deadline: Projects can be submitted at any time through the designated submission portal on the DNDi website.

4. Review and Feedback

Review Timeline: DNDi will review your Submission and provide feedback within three (3) months from the end of the submission period.

Nature of Feedback: the feedback provided will be comprised of structured, written feedback regarding maturity, novelty, potential and progression suggestions (Feedback) The Feedback is intended to be constructive and informative but does not guarantee any specific outcome or endorsement of the project.

DNDi does not provide any type of warranty regarding the accuracy, reliability, completeness, or usefulness of any Feedback. All Feedback is provided "as is," and DNDi disclaims any and all warranties, whether express or implied, including but not limited to any implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or non-infringement.

5. Intellectual Property

Ownership: The Researcher retains all rights to the intellectual property contained in their Submission.

License to DNDi: By submitting a project, the Researcher grants DNDi a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the Submission for the purpose of review and feedback only.

6. Confidentiality

Confidential Information: For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, "Confidential Information" means any non-public information disclosed by either Party to the other, including DNDi's Feedback, whether orally or in writing, that is designated as confidential or that a reasonable person would understand to be confidential given the nature of the information and the circumstances of its disclosure. This includes, but is not limited to, research data, project proposals, methods, processes, know-how, and any other technical, business, or financial information. DNDi may share confidential information with its service providers and collaborators provided that such information is shared under similar conditions as stated in these Terms and Conditions.

Confidentiality Period: Both DNDi and the Researcher agree to maintain the confidentiality of such information for a period of two (3) years from the date of submission.

Exclusions: Confidentiality obligations do not extend to information that (a) was already known to the receiving party without obligation of confidentiality, (b) is or becomes publicly known through no wrongful act of the receiving party, (c) is received from a third party without breach of any obligation of confidentiality, or (d) is independently developed by the receiving party.

7. Privacy and Data Protection

Data Collection and Use: Please note that Researcher personal data contained in the Submission and other information DNDi collects are subject to the DNDi's Privacy Policy which can be located at <https://dndi.org/privacy/>. You consent to the collection, use and disclosure of the information you enter when entering the Submission and DNDi's international network or service providers in accordance with such Privacy Notice. By submitting your project, you consent to such data processing.

Data Security: DNDi will take reasonable measures to protect the personal data submitted against unauthorized access, alteration, disclosure, or destruction.

8. Liability and Disclaimers

Limitation of Liability: To the extent permitted by law, DNDi shall not be liable for direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, punitive damages or any type of damages or any loss or corruption of data, arising out of or related to your Submission or participation in the Open Chagas Project.

No Representations and Warranties DNDi does not represent and warrant any specific outcomes, funding, or further collaboration as a result of the Feedback provided.

9. Use of DNDi's Name, Logo, and Branding Elements

The Researcher shall not use the name, logo, trademarks, service marks, or any other branding elements of DNDi in any form or manner without the prior written authorization of DNDi. This includes, but is not limited to, use in promotional materials, publications, websites, social media, presentations, or any other public or private communications. Any unauthorized use of DNDi's name, logo, or branding elements is strictly prohibited and may result in legal action.

10. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Brazil. The courts of Rio de Janeiro, RJ shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

11. Modifications to Terms

DNDi reserves the right to modify these Terms and Conditions at any time. Any changes will be effective immediately upon posting on the DNDi website. Your continued participation in the Open Chagas Project after such modifications constitutes your acceptance of the new terms.

12. Contact Information

For any questions or concerns regarding these Terms and Conditions, please contact DNDi at:

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13. Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

By submitting the required material to the Open Chagas submission channel, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions.