

Privacy Policy – LectEarn (International & GDPR-Compliant)

LectEarn is an academic, community-driven platform designed to make research expertise more visible while respecting international privacy standards, including the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Data Controller

LectEarn is operated from Alberta, Canada, and acts as the data controller for personal information processed on the platform.

Data Collected

We collect only data necessary to operate the service:

- Email address (used solely for password-less authentication and essential communication)
- Public profile information voluntarily provided by the user (e.g., research interests, talks, travel plans)
- Optional ORCID verification data (user-initiated)
- Limited technical metadata (timestamps, session identifiers)

Legal Basis for Processing (GDPR)

Processing is based on:

- User consent (profile creation, ORCID linking)
- Contractual necessity (providing the LectEarn service)
- Legitimate interest (platform security, abuse prevention)

Public vs Private Information

Email addresses and authentication metadata are never publicly visible. Profile information is public only to the extent explicitly configured by the user.

Data Sharing & International Transfers

LectEarn does not sell or rent personal data. Infrastructure providers (e.g., Cloudflare, Google Analytics, Resend) act as data processors and may process data outside the user's jurisdiction under appropriate safeguards.

Retention & Deletion

User-initiated profile deletion removes associated personal data from active systems. Encrypted backups may retain residual data for a limited period where technically required.

User Rights

Users have the right to access, correct, export, restrict processing, or delete their personal data, and to withdraw consent at any time. EU users may lodge complaints with their local supervisory authority.

Governing Law

This policy is governed by the laws of Alberta, Canada.

Contact

Privacy inquiries may be directed to the LectEarn administrator.