

## Section G - Optional information

In this section, we are asking for some information about you, which are very useful for our study but make you identifiable and are therefore optional. We are interested in collecting these data to explore relationships with the mental health of variables that we have not measured on this survey. For instance, having access to ORCID IDs will allow us to explore whether people with a relatively higher or lower number of publications per year suffer poorer mental health. Note that although your provision of these data will make you identifiable to the research team, your data will be treated in strict confidence, and in accordance with the GDPR and ethical guidelines.

### Your rights under GDPR

You have the right to obtain information about the personally identifiable information collected in this survey at any time, as well as the right to rectify or erase or restrict data processing. You have a right to revoke your consent to data processing as well as the right of data portability. To exercise your rights, please contact [STAIRCASE-Survey@tib.eu](mailto:STAIRCASE-Survey@tib.eu). (mailto:ReMO-Survey@tib.eu)

### Data protection responsibilities throughout the project (until Dezember 2024)

**Responsible authority regarding data protection** is the German National Library of Science and Technology (TIB), Welfengarten 1B, 30167 Hanover, Germany. Phone: +49(0)511 762-8989, Fax: +49(0)511 762-4076, Email: [information@tib.eu](mailto:information@tib.eu) (mailto:information@tib.eu)

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We ask you to voluntarily share your ORCID and/or LinkedIn profile and/or Twitter handle and/or Mastodon handle. We will use this information to collect data from the profiles up to the point of survey completion. We will not analyze your future activity. We will use the information we collected from any profiles you provided to us in the following way:

- We will use information from your ORCID profile to measure indicators of your academic career. Specifically, we will count the number of your publications, the number of positions you held in the past and the amount of third party funding you received.
- We will use information from your LinkedIn profile to collect information about the number and type of positions you held in the past.
- We will use information from your Twitter and/or Mastodon profile to measure indicators relevant to mental health and wellbeing in post texts.

Your social media profile information will be stored separately from your survey responses and will only be used to calculate average statistics such as publication output and sentiment in social media posts. We will only relate anonymized and aggregated information gathered from each of these three platforms to your survey responses. Raw data collected from your social media profiles will be stored separately from survey responses and deleted after analysis (see also our [general informed consent form](https://projects.tib.eu/fileadmin/data/staircase/docs/informed_consent_EN.pdf) ([https://projects.tib.eu/fileadmin/data/staircase/docs/informed\\_consent\\_EN.pdf](https://projects.tib.eu/fileadmin/data/staircase/docs/informed_consent_EN.pdf))). No personal identifiable data will be published by us. Please see the Data protection measures above for information on how the data is handled.

❗ Comment only when you choose an answer.

❗ If you choose 'Other:' please also specify your choice in the accompanying text field.

your ORCID

your Twitter handle

your Mastodon handle

your LinkedIn account

If you want to receive information about the results of this research project, please provide the email address you would like the information sent to below. Your email address will be stored separately from your survey responses and will only be used to inform you about outcomes of our study such as published academic articles and policy briefs.

We aim to run this survey again in the future to collect longitudinal data about how the mental health of academics develops over time. If you agree to be contacted again for the purpose of filling in this survey, please provide the email address you would like to receive the invitation to participate with below. This email address is stored separately from the survey responses and will only be used to inform you about the start of the new survey.

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