

iNEXT-Discovery Terms of Participation

1. TERMS

These Terms of Participation (which form part of iNEXT-Discovery website's terms and conditions) explain the terms on which one can use the website to apply for access to iNEXT-Discovery facilities. Please read these terms carefully before registration or submitting a proposal: by registering with our services the applicant indicates to accept these terms and agrees to abide by them.

2. INEXT-DISCOVERY ACCESS APPLICATIONS

2.1 iNEXT-Discovery accepts research proposals for access to research facilities and applications for training from applicants: academic and industrial research scientists from the European Union, EU-associated and other countries.

2.2 Where applicants are required to register with any iNEXT-Discovery activity, they agree to provide true, accurate, current and complete information.

2.3 iNEXT-Discovery coordination and facility staff may contact applicants directly if beneficial to the requested service.

2.4 If iNEXT-Discovery has reasonable grounds to suspect that any of the information that is supplied by the applicant is untrue, inaccurate, out-of-date or incomplete, iNEXT-Discovery reserves the right to suspend or terminate applicant's registration and services.

2.5 ARIA is the online proposal management system developed by Instruct-ERIC. In order to have access to iNEXT-Discovery facilities, the applicant must register for an ARIA account and submit a research proposal. Applicant's user profile should be kept up-to-date, for instance to reflect changes in host laboratory and contact details if one changes position.

2.6 iNEXT-Discovery's criteria for applicant's research proposal evaluation, including procedures for appeal are explained here. Contact us if for further questions.

2.7 By submitting a research proposal, the applicant represents and warrants that he/she is employed by an academic or research organization or company eligible for obtaining access, and that his/her research proposal contains only information which is true, accurate and complete.

2.8 By submitting a research proposal via the website, the applicant grants to iNEXT-Discovery a revocable and non-exclusive licence to reproduce, modify, prepare derivative works of, and otherwise use and disclose proposal contents for the purpose of evaluating the proposal by peer-reviewers, for assessing the feasibility of the proposed research at the requested facility, and for reporting to the iNEXT-Discovery General Assembly and the European Commission. In addition, the applicant grants to INSTRUCT-ERIC a perpetual and irrevocable licence to store a copy of the research proposal for its records.

2.9 After successful proposal submission the lead applicant will receive an email acknowledging receipt of his/her access application. The iNEXT-Discovery Coordination, ARIA Management and staff from the facility for which access is requested will immediately be notified of the application and the personal information provided. Please note that this does not mean that the application has been approved. The application will be subject to reviewing by external peers and by the staff of the facility for which access is requested.

2.10 Instruct and iNEXT-Discovery will take reasonable measures to keep research proposals confidential and will only disclose research proposals to those individuals for whom it considers access to the proposals necessary to perform the evaluation described at clause 2.9 or where required by law.

3. INEXT-DISCOVERY FACILITY ACCESS

3.1 The iNEXT-Discovery access providing facilities will ensure that the access that will be performed for applicants is compliant to EC and iNEXT-Discovery regulations. The given number of access units will be reported in ARIA by the facility that is providing the access within 14 days after the access has taken place, for monitoring and reporting purposes.

3.2 Visiting applicants do not convey any entitlement to statutory health, nursing care, accident, unemployment or pension coverage from iNEXT-Discovery or the hosting facility. It is strongly recommended that visiting applicants arrange adequate insurance coverage prior to their traveling.

3.3 Researcher visits, sample shipment and the amount of access units that will be provided for the user research will be arranged upon direct communication between the facility staff and the applicants. The facility staff reserves the right to cancel or reschedule access units or visits to their facility.

3.4 When using iNEXT-Discovery facilities, the applicant shall comply with the facility's regulations, including health and safety requirements, presented to the applicant at arrival. The applicant shall be subject to the authority of the facility staff.

3.5 The applicant shall treat the facilities with due care and protect these against loss or damage.

3.6 The facility hosting an applicant shall be responsible for the agreed work or service to be delivered in accord with the regulatory and safe working practices of the host institution, including the insurance that appropriate permissions and training are in place before the research commences. iNEXT-Discovery shall not be liable for accidents or infringements arising from a visit.

3.7 All applicants agree to publication of scientific results obtained during facility access, with acknowledgement of iNEXT-Discovery funding and the facility where the research was conducted (clause 5.1).

3.8 Visiting researchers may be eligible to reclaim access costs (travel, sample shipment and/or accommodation) in agreement and up to the amount according to the facility's regulations. The visiting applicants will be informed of their eligibility and criteria for reimbursement by the facility before the access is arranged.

4. INEXT-DISCOVERY TRAINING

4.1 iNEXT-Discovery training, workshops and meetings will be announced on the iNEXT-Discovery website, and email notifications may be sent by facility staff to iNEXT-Discovery applicants that are registered in ARIA for obtaining access to their facility.

4.2 Registration for training, workshops and meetings will be done via an online systems that are hosted by the local organizing iNEXT-Discovery partner. Potential costs that will be required for the visitors will be communicated to the applicants prior to their registration.

4.3 If the number of applications for any training, workshop or meeting exceeds the capacity of the event, the organizers will be allowed to make a selection of participants. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of this selection by email. The iNEXT-Discovery partners will take reasonable measures to keep submitted participant information confidential and will only disclose the submitted information to those parties that are involved in the organization of the training and the bodies to which the training will be reported.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Applicants agree to acknowledge iNEXT-Discovery in all publications and presentations arising from the research carried out at an iNEXT-Discovery facility as follows: "This work has been supported by iNEXT-Discovery, grant number 871037, funded by the Horizon 2020 program of the European Commission".

6. OPEN ACCESS TO JOURNALS AND REAGENTS

The European Commission requires that all publications arising from iNEXT-Discovery activities will be Open Access.

7. DATA MANAGEMENT

iNEXT-Discovery establishes Data Management policies for both its users and facilities in agreement with EC regulations.

8. PRIVACY POLICY

Personal data relating to applicant's proposal submission will be stored according to GDPR regulations and will be used for the purposes of processing the application, for peer reviewing, and for communication.

9. CONCERNS

Please contact the iNEXT-Discovery Project Management (h.wienk@nki.nl) with any concerns.