



PRIVACY NOTICE

UCD Nova DAC

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GENERAL

This is the privacy notice of UCD Nova Designated Activity Company ("UCD Nova DAC", "our", "we", "us"). UCD Nova DAC operates under the umbrella of University College Dublin (UCD) and this privacy notice outlines how personal data is collected, used, and protected in connection with interactions with UCD Nova DAC.

This privacy notice is published on the UCD website as UCD Nova DAC does not operate a standalone website. The use of cookies on this site is governed by the [UCD Cookie Policy](#), which applies to all users of UCD-hosted webpages.

UCD Nova DAC complies with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation ("the GDPR") and relevant Irish legislation, namely, the Data Protection Acts, 1988 – 2018 to protect your personal data related to the use of this website. For the purposes of our electronic direct marketing activities, we also comply with the provisions of the ePrivacy Regulations (SI 336/2011).

If you have any questions about this notice or how we handle your personal data, please contact our Data Protection Officer at:

Email: nova.reception@ucd.ie

DATA CONTROLLER

UCD Nova DAC is the Data Controller of all personal data that is collected and used about you in connection with your interactions with us.

We are committed to protecting the privacy of all individuals whose personal data we process and to maintaining compliance with all applicable data protection legislation.

COLLECTION AND USE OF PERSONAL DATA

UCD Nova DAC may collect personal data from you when you:

- Participate in an event or programme facilitated by UCD Nova DAC
- Contact us by email, phone or in writing
- Apply to participate in start-up support initiatives or accelerator programmes
- Engage with us in a professional or advisory capacity

- Visit our premises (e.g. through CCTV footage)

This personal data may include:

- Your name and contact details (e.g. email, phone number, address)
- Professional background, company affiliation or role
- Application forms, CVs or other submitted materials
- Programme participation details or event attendance
- Any correspondence or communications

USING YOUR PERSONAL DATA

We may use your personal data for the following purposes:

- Responding to your enquiry or correspondence
- Processing your participation in events, programmes or collaborative initiatives
- Managing our relationship with founders, mentors, partners and other stakeholders
- Maintaining operational records and fulfilling internal reporting obligations
- Ensuring safety and security through the use of CCTV

LAWFUL BASES

Our processing of your personal data is carried out on one or more of the following lawful bases:

- You have given consent for the processing of your personal data
- Processing is necessary for the performance of a contract or pre-contractual steps
- Processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation
- Processing is necessary for the legitimate interests pursued by UCD Nova DAC, provided these are not overridden by your rights and interests

SECURITY OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

We implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of your personal data. These include access controls, encryption, secure storage solutions, and regular reviews of security procedures.

Where third-party service providers are used (e.g. IT support, event platforms), we ensure that appropriate data protection agreements are in place.

DATA RETENTION

We retain personal data only for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes for which it was collected, or to comply with legal obligations. When data is no longer needed, it is securely deleted or anonymised in accordance with our Data Retention Policy.

CCTV

CCTV is in operation at the UCD Nova DAC premises for the purposes of ensuring the safety and security of staff, visitors, and property. Cameras are positioned covering entrances, exits, and common areas. The footage is only accessed when necessary, such as in the event of an incident or suspected breach of security, and is retained for a limited period in accordance with our CCTV Policy.

Access to CCTV footage is strictly limited to authorised personnel, and where required, may be shared with An Garda Síochána or other relevant authorities in accordance with applicable law.

TRANSFER OF PERSONAL DATA ABROAD

Where personal data is transferred outside the European Economic Area (EEA), we ensure that adequate safeguards are in place, such as the use of Standard Contractual Clauses or reliance on adequacy decisions issued by the European Commission.

CHILDREN

This notice is not intended for use by children. UCD Nova DAC does not knowingly collect or process data relating to children. If we become aware that data has been provided by a person under 16 without appropriate consent, it will be deleted.

YOUR RIGHTS

Individuals, referred to in GDPR as Data Subjects, have certain legal rights concerning their personal data and the manner in which it is processed by UCD Nova DAC. These include:

- The right to access personal data held about you
- The right to request rectification of inaccurate or incomplete data
- The right to request erasure of your data in certain circumstances
- The right to restrict processing in certain situations
- The right to data portability
- The right to object to processing, particularly where based on legitimate interests
- The right to object to automated decision-making, including profiling

It should be noted that none of these rights are absolute and the ability to exercise your rights will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

To exercise any of your rights, please contact the Data Protection Lead at nova.reception@ucd.ie.

If you are not satisfied with our response, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Commission at www.dataprotection.ie.

COOKIES

As UCD Nova DAC does not control its own web domain, all cookies placed during your interaction with our webpages are governed by [UCD's Cookie Policy](#). No separate cookie controls or trackers are applied by UCD Nova DAC.

THIRD-PARTY WEBSITES

This privacy notice does not apply to third-party websites connected by links on our website. We cannot provide any guarantees as to how these third parties handle your personal data. We recommend that you read the privacy notices of these services prior to using them.

JURISDICTION AND GOVERNING LAW

This Privacy Notice is governed by the laws of Ireland. Any disputes arising in relation to this notice shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Irish courts.

CHANGE TO THIS PRIVACY NOTICE

We review this privacy notice regularly and will update it where necessary. The most recent version will always be available via the UCD website. **This notice was last updated in May 2025**