



## Structural Genomics Consortium (SGC)

### Open Science Policy

#### Introduction

The Structural Genomics Consortium (“**SGC**”) is a partnership of public and private funders (“**Members**”) formed to support and engage in pre-competitive research to better understand human disease biology and to facilitate the discovery of new medicines. The SGC’s scientific program is carried out at host academic institutions (“**Institutions**”) and the scientists who are formally associated with the SGC at these Institutions (“**SGC Scientists**”) engage in research to generate enabling reagents and knowledge related to proteins of potential therapeutic relevance. The SGC believes that these outputs will have maximal benefit if released into the public domain without restriction on use, and thus has adopted this Policy.

#### SGC Open Science Policy

*The SGC, SGC Scientists, and their research collaborators must commit to making their open access research outputs (materials and knowledge) publicly available without restriction on use. This means the SGC and SGC Scientists will seek to place open access results arising from SGC Scientists’ research projects (internal or collaborative) in the public domain and may not file for patents or other registered intellectual property protections in respect of the outputs of these research projects.*

In furtherance of this Open Science Policy:

- The goal of any new research project undertaken by the SGC or SGC Scientists (an “**SGC Project**”) must be to deliver enabling reagents and/or knowledge into the public domain. As such, at the beginning of any new SGC Project, the SGC, SGC Scientists, and their collaborators will identify the Project as an “SGC Project” and disclose to the public the general aims of such SGC Project and the expected public domain outputs to be delivered (“**Open Access Project Outputs**”), via the SGC’s website.
- The SGC and SGC Scientists will not, under any SGC Project they undertake (internal or collaborative), file any form of patent application or allow a collaborator to restrict the research use of Open Access Project Outputs.
- The SGC and SGC Scientists will, to the greatest extent possible following public disclosure of the Open Access Project Outputs resulting from an SGC Project, promptly release the associated output data (e.g., identity, structure, and characteristics of the output, along with associated study protocols and results) through free and publicly accessible digital repositories whilst complying with all applicable regulations, including those related to the privacy of research subjects.

- The SGC and SGC Scientists will use reasonable efforts to ensure that, following public disclosure, output data remain freely available and output materials are made accessible to the research community at reasonable cost.
- At all times during the period in which they hold an SGC appointment, use an SGC affiliation, or otherwise receive funding from the SGC or a grant that has been obtained or earmarked for the SGC’s scientific program, SGC Scientists will adhere to this Policy in all of their research projects, whether or not the projects are funded by or otherwise associated with the SGC or its Members.
- SGC Scientists that wish to undertake research projects, grants, or collaborations that conflict with this Policy must declare the conflict to the SGC. All potential conflicts with or deviations from this Policy must be reviewed in advance and approved by the SGC Board of Directors or its delegated sub-Committee. If a conflict or deviation is not approved, the SGC Scientist must choose to either (a) decline the research project, grant, or collaboration, or (b) resign their appointment as an SGC Scientist, cease using an SGC affiliation, and cease receiving funding directly from the SGC or from grants that have been obtained or earmarked for SGC’s scientific program.
- This Policy will not in any way restrict any research conducted by Members, Institutions, collaborators, or any other third parties that is outside the scope of SGC Projects or other SGC activities (“**Non-SGC Activities**”), including research that makes use of any data and materials previously made freely available under this Policy. Furthermore, Members, Institutions, collaborators, and other third parties may file such patent applications as they see fit in respect of any invention made by them in the course of conducting such Non-SGC Activities.
- It is the responsibility of the SGC to ensure (a) that its agreements with Institutions to support the carrying out SGC’s scientific program are consistent with this Policy, and (b) that SGC Scientists and others associated with the SGC are informed of this Policy.
- The SGC Board of Directors will review this Policy every four years.

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