We updated our Terms of Service and Privacy Policy

At ResearchGate, we always want to make sure you – our 17+ million members – get the best service possible from our platform. That's why we're constantly looking for ways to improve, like updating our **Terms of Service** and **Privacy Policy** to make them clearer and easier to understand.

Here's a quick summary of the main changes:

Terms of Service

- **Section 1: General Information**
  Extra detail on the nature of our service (what we do).
  Expanded our mission statement.

- **Section 3: Scope of the Service**
  More info on what you can expect from our service.

- **Section 4: User Obligations**
  A better explanation of your obligations in connection with the service we offer.
  More points added to the list of prohibited actions.

- **Section 8: Changes to the Service**
  Simpler explanations and language.

- **Section 9: Changes to these Terms**
  Clearer guidance on how new terms come into effect and how you can object if you prefer not to accept them.

- **Section 10: Term, Termination**
  To stop someone unauthorized from deleting your account, we may request an identity check.

- **Section 15: Miscellaneous**
  Clearer guidance on providing a valid primary email address, and our process for emailing you with necessary notifications.

- **Section 16: No warranty, release, and limitation of liability**
  For US users only, we added a new provision partially limiting our liability towards you as a user.

Privacy Policy

- Clearer structure to make it easier for you to understand how we process your data.
- Clearer explanation of which data we process for specific functionalities of the service, and on what basis.
- A new section that explains how we use relevant publicly available data.
- Our Cookie Policy and Privacy Policy are now in one document, so you can see everything in the same place.

Please read through the full **Terms of Service** and **Privacy Policy**.

If you agree with these changes, you don't need to do anything. If you don't, you'll need to **close your account** on or before **August 31, 2020**.

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