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Equality Impact Assessment Template

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You'll find it useful, before filling in this assessment template, to complete the online course:

[Introducing Equality Impact Assessment](#)

This template is designed to be used alongside the:

EqIA [Guidance and Checklist](#)

EqIA [Policy Statement](#)

EqIA covers policies, functions, practices and activities, including decisions and the delivery of services, but will be referred to as 'policy/practice' hereinafter.

A. Key Information	
Policy/practice name:	Female Informatics Access Edinburgh Scholarship
General background/aims of policy/practice:	Access Scholarship to be awarded to a female student in the School of Informatics to help promote opportunity, equality, equity, and access for underrepresented genders in Computing Science.
School/Dept:	School of Informatics
Assessed by: (name & job title)	Ashley Warmington, Regional Development Manager North America
Sign off by: (name & job title)	Ashley Warmington, Regional Development Manager North America
Sign off date:	18/12/2024
Review date:	18/12/2024

B. Reason for EqIA	(check one)
New policy/ practice is proposed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Change to existing policy/practice is proposed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (describe in Section D below)	<input type="checkbox"/>

C. Who will most impacted by this proposal?

Consider carefully how your proposal will impact both positively and negatively on people from different groups.

Consider the 9 protected characteristics as below in your proposal. There may be other identity characteristics that you wish to also include in your impact assessment. It is expected that you will consider all equality groups for impact. Please indicate below (with a tick) which groups you feel will be most affected by your proposal.

Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	Race (including ethnicity and nationality)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marriage and civil partnership¹	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion or belief (including no religion or belief)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sex	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pregnancy and maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other characteristics	<input type="checkbox"/>				

D. Consideration of Impact

Show your considerations of how all of the above protected characteristics may be impacted. The following prompts will help you to reflect:

- What information and evidence do I have about the needs of relevant equality groups – is this sufficient to fully assess impact?
- Could this policy/practice lead to discrimination (direct or indirect), harassment, victimisation, or create barriers or less favourable treatment for particular groups and how can you mitigate any negative impacts?
- Does this policy/practice contribute to advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations?
- How can communication of the policy/practice be made accessible to all relevant groups?

- **This scholarship will support one female student from a widening participation background, consistent with existing Widening**

¹ Note: only the duty to eliminate discrimination applied to marriage and civil partnership. There is no need to have regard to advancing equality or opportunity or fostering good relations in this respect.

Participation scholarships, who wish to study within the School of Informatics.

- **This scholarship will prioritize female students to address the gender gap in School of Informatics. Across all undergraduate students in Informatics, there are 290 female students compared to 830 male students.**
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E. Equality Impact Assessment Outcome

Select one of the four options below to indicate how the development/review of the policy/practice will be progressed and state the rationale for the decision.

(check one)

Outcome 1: No change required – the assessment is that the policy/practice is/will be robust.

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Outcome 2: Adjust the policy or practice – this involves taking steps to remove any barriers, to better advance equality and/or to foster good relations.

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Outcome 3: Continue the policy or practice despite the potential for adverse impact, and which can be justified.

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Outcome 4: Stop the policy or practice as there are adverse effects which cannot be prevented/mitigated/or justified.

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F. Action and Monitoring

Describe any actions you will take to address the findings of this EqlA.

- How can I involve equality groups or communities in the ongoing monitoring, review and potential future development, of this policy/practice?

Describe how the policy/practice will be monitored going forward, to ensure that impact is frequently reviewed. Make sure you add a review date in Section A above.

G. Publish

Send your completed EqlA to the HR EDI team (equalitydiversity@ed.ac.uk) to published, and keep a copy for your own records.
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