Rules for Research projects

1. A research project is conducted by a research team and led by an experienced researcher. Any results publicly available are called a project outcome. This includes articles, code used for the article and the standalone software or report in case of unsuccessful projects.
2. The conducted research can be private for the whole process. However, each successful project has to present some published outcomes, for example, a paper, a code, popular-science article, or a report. Note that the administrator of QKitchen, coordinators of QResearch, and other relevant QWorld members may have access to your project.
3. All research project teammates have to follow the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct of QWorld, and Code of Conduct of QKitchen if relevant. In particular, all projects outcomes are open-source with licenses described in the Code of Conduct of QKitchen
4. The research team promises to publish their code and/or paper on an open-access archive using state-of-the-art services (for example arXiv.org for paper, QKitchen + Zenodo for codes). The rule does not apply if the journal does not allow publishing any version of the paper outside their official website.
5. The participants of the project agree to advertise the first version of the preprint and publication on our social media channels, the QWorld website and related websites (QCousins), communications groups, newsletter, and other channels, where the event will be promoted (including external websites, blogs and forums).
6. QResearch members *will not* claim a coauthorship for helping you with technical issues. However, we kindly ask you to put "We would like to thank QWorld for helping us with …" or similar note in the acknowledgements section. You may also mention the QWorld members who were particularly helpful. In case the projects are related to any specific event, like QIntern, we would also ask you to include this information, for example, "The project was conducted as a part of the QIntern 2020 event".
7. The leader of the research project presents a short report of the current research status every six months. Furthermore, each research project lasting more than 6 months should join a QIntern program or similar program as a mentoring team, for example, they can propose some smaller task which could be solved by an intern. The group may also assign a student for co-mentoring.
8. The role of the program is to increase collaboration between researchers from different countries. Therefore research projects have to be conducted by participants from at least two different QCousins.
9. Research team agrees to publish their project name, abstract, their names and affiliation (QCousin name is sufficient) on our social media channels, the QWorld website and related websites (QCousins), communications groups, newsletter, and other channels where the event will be promoted (including external websites, blogs and forums). The data will be used for advertising and informing about the project and QWorld activities, and for finding experience scientists if applicable.

10. QWorld may apply/receive some grants, awards, donations, sponsorships or make an agreement(s) based on the projects
    - Individuals including the contributors of the projects cannot receive or request any direct income.
    - Any such income is managed by the QBoard.
11. QResearch may require from the research team to make a call to invite new people for a good reason. Particular good reasons are: the team is formed only from members of a single QCousin, there is lack of improvements or results in a long time period (few months), there are not enough participants or experienced researchers in the project, etc. QResearch is responsible for helping te research team in organizing a call.
12. At the end of the research project, we encourage you to make a short summary of the results. The form is not specified: it can be either a short video or a presentation. Note that the material will be published on our website and/or other our channels.

QResearch has rights to modify the rules of the program. All participants will be notified about changes applied to this document.