

## Open Call for Fellowship Applications 2023

The Digital Medical Ethics Network (DiMEN) is now accepting applications for the 2023 DiMEN-Fellowship hosted by the Junior Professorship of Medical Ethics with a Focus on Digitization, Faculty of Health Sciences Brandenburg at the University of Potsdam and the Institute for Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University of Tübingen. This opportunity is for doctoral and post-doctoral researchers who would like to spend their time in Potsdam or Tübingen. DiMEN-Fellows will have the opportunity to conduct an innovative project of their choosing, to become part of the institutes' vibrant communities and to engage in collaborative and interdisciplinary exploration of some of the most important and pressing ethical issues in digital health.

**Applications are invited until 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2023**

### Digital Medical Ethics Network

Biomedical research, provision of healthcare, medical diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment increasingly rely on the processing and use of huge amounts of data and use of digital technologies. These developments are categorized under the umbrella of “digital medicine” or “digital health”. Emerging fields include Artificial Intelligence or Machine Learning to support medical diagnosis, electronic health records to improve the accessibility of patient data and connect health practice and research, mobile health technologies, robot-assisted surgery or ambient assisted living technologies to support the care of elderly patients. In light of this, it is crucial that health ethics addresses the conditions of digitization. The rise of digital health adds elements of information technology/engineering, intensifying the need for interdisciplinary exchange and the demand for academic qualifications necessary to keep track of the digital turn in healthcare. The Digital Medical Ethics Network is an initiative funded by VolkswagenStiftung to address structural shortcomings in current digital health ethics research and to strengthen the scientific community through various measures of research, teaching and consultation. For more information visit: <https://www.digitalmedicalethics.net/>

### About the Program

To foster international scientific exchange the DiMEN-Fellowship addresses outstanding young (doctoral or post-doctoral) scholars pursuing innovative research on ethical dimensions in the ecosystem of digital medicine and healthcare. During a period of 1 to 3 months, the DiMEN-Fellowship provides international and national researchers with the opportunity to stay at the University of Potsdam or the University of Tübingen. Fellows receive a monthly stipend (1.400 € for pre-doctoral fellows and 2.100 € for post-doctoral fellows per month plus max. 100 € for academic expenses) to cover living expenses for the period of their stay. They get access to the institutes' research infrastructures and networks.

## Aims of the Program

The DiMEN-Fellowship is designed to allow early and mid-career-researchers

- to explore new and innovative topics in the field of ethics of digital health
- to define their format of output (journal article, grant application, book chapter etc.)
- to connect and collaborate with peers and renown researchers in the field
- to become member of the growing DiMEN-community

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants have a degree in a field relevant for health ethics research (e.g., medicine, nursing sciences, technical or data sciences, philosophy, social sciences). Their track record displays a considerable interest in digital health ethics research appropriate to their career stage. Applicants show a keen interest in networking, collaborating with their peers and sharing their work with other researchers, for example, in presentations or workshops during their stay. Applications from low- and middle-income countries are especially encouraged.

## Application

An application should include a curriculum vitae, a brief cover letter and a description of the project the applicant would like to work on during their stay. Please use our template for the description of your project which can be downloaded at

<http://fellowship.digitalmedicalethics.net>

Please send all documents in a single pdf file to [fellowship@digitalmedicalethics.net](mailto:fellowship@digitalmedicalethics.net) no later than 31.01.2023. In case of any questions, do not hesitate to contact us via this address. Applicants are welcome to discuss their ideas with the DiMEN-Team in advance.

## Selection Process

All applications received will be evaluated after the deadline. The candidates will be selected by a jury consisting of members of the hosting universities and members of the DiMEN scientific advisory board. Selection criteria will be a track record appropriate to the respective career stage and the quality and innovative potential of the proposed project.