Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement

A one-way agreement that protects the work you share with CROSSTALK LAB. It is already signed by CROSSTALK LAB.

Between CROSSTALK LAB, a scientific and business advisory network based at the Digital Incubation Center, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, 5th Floor, Al Dafna, Doha, Qatar, represented by its founder, Dr. Nouf Mahmoud (**"CROSSTALK LAB"**), and the person named on the signature page (**"the Client"**).

1. Purpose

The Client may share drafts, data, manuscripts, theses, proposals, results, ideas, business plans and other material with CROSSTALK LAB to receive any of its services (**"the Services"**): mentoring and coaching, writing support, research design and statistics, training, Young Scholars, opportunity matching, institutional programs and consultation. This agreement protects that material across all Services.

2. Confidential Information

Confidential Information means all material and information the Client shares with CROSSTALK LAB, in any form and by any means, including unpublished ideas, data, results, methods, inventions, drafts and business information, and any work CROSSTALK LAB prepares from it for the Client.

3. What CROSSTALK LAB agrees to do

CROSSTALK LAB will:

- use the Confidential Information only to provide the Services to the Client;
- not disclose it to anyone except the mentors, experts and staff who need it to provide the Services, each of whom is bound by confidentiality obligations at least as protective as this agreement;
- not publish, present, submit or otherwise use it in its own research, publications, grant applications, products or training materials, and not share it with any third party, without the Client's prior written consent;
- not enter it into public AI tools or other online services that keep the content or use it to train their models;
- keep it secure, using reasonable technical and organizational measures; and
- return or delete it within 30 days of the Client's written request, unless the law requires it to be kept.

4. Exceptions

These obligations do not apply to information that: (a) is or becomes public through no fault of CROSSTALK LAB; (b) CROSSTALK LAB lawfully knew before the Client shared it; (c) CROSSTALK LAB develops independently without using it; or (d) must be disclosed by law or by a competent authority. In case (d), CROSSTALK LAB will tell the Client first where the law allows and will disclose only what is required.

5. Ownership

The Client keeps all rights in their material, data, ideas and results. Nothing in this agreement transfers any intellectual property to CROSSTALK LAB or gives CROSSTALK LAB any right to authorship. Any authorship or acknowledgement is agreed separately and in writing.

6. Personal data

CROSSTALK LAB will handle any personal data it receives in line with the applicable laws of the State of Qatar on the protection of personal data privacy.

7. Duration

This agreement takes effect when the Client signs it and covers material shared before or after that date for the Services. The confidentiality obligations continue for five (5) years after the Services end, and for personal data for as long as CROSSTALK LAB holds it.

8. Other terms

This agreement does not oblige the Client to share any material or to buy any Services; the scope and fees of any Services are agreed separately. If any part of this agreement is found invalid, the rest remains in force. This agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Qatar, and the courts of Doha have jurisdiction.

Signatures

CROSSTALK LAB has signed this agreement in advance. It becomes binding when the Client signs it and sends or uploads a copy to CROSSTALK LAB. Fill in your details, sign, and attach this page with your files.

FOR CROSSTALK LAB · SIGNED

Dr. Nouf Mahmoud

Founder, CROSSTALK LAB · Digital Incubation Center, Al Dafna, Doha

Nouf Mhamoud

Signed by Dr. Nouf Mahmoud on 6 November 2026.

Applies to all CROSSTALK LAB services and to every copy countersigned by a Client.



THE CLIENT

FULL NAME

INSTITUTION OR AFFILIATION

EMAIL

COUNTRY

PROJECT, DOCUMENT OR DATA (OPTIONAL)

DATE

SIGNATURE (TYPE YOUR FULL NAME OR SIGN BY HAND)

By signing, the Client confirms they have read this agreement. Electronic signatures and copies are valid.