**TikTok Researcher API Application**

**Part I: Important Notice**

Please confirm that (required):

⬜ By clicking this box, you agree to the [TikTok Research API Terms of Service](https://www.tiktok.com/legal/page/global/terms-of-service-research-api/en)

⬜ By clicking this box, you indicate that you understand that:

* **Applicants in the USA and its territories** must submit their completed application form via email to [usresearchapi@tiktok.com](mailto:usresearchapi@tiktok.com)

**Please only proceed to Part II after accepting the two conditions in Part I. Applications submitted without agreeing to all conditions will automatically be rejected.**

**Part II: Application Questions**

*Note: Questions marked with \* are required.*

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| **Info Collected** | **Question** | **Answer** | **Answer Points/ Format Requirement** |
| **Info about the researcher** | **1. \*Your name as shown on your student ID or university profile. Please provide only one name here.** |  | Text |
| **2. \*Where are you located?**  A. EEA, UK, or Switzerland  B. US and its territories  C. Other (please specify) |  | Multiple choice |
| **3. \*What is your role?**  A. Faculty member  B. Ph.D candidate  **Note:** If you are a Ph.D candidate, please attach an endorsement letter from your dissertation advisor or equivalent**.** |  | Multiple choice  For Ph.D candidates, an endorsement letter must be attached and must include the following:  - Name and position of your dissertation advisor or equivalent  - School and department of your dissertation advisor or equivalent  - Endorsement or review of your research  - Endorsement of your data protection practice  You can view a sample endorsement letter at the end of this application. |
| **4. \*Are you currently affiliated, or have been previously affiliated, with any organizations that would appear to have a conflict of interest with TikTok?**  A. Yes  B. No |  | Multiple choice + Text  Please explain the nature of your collaboration and attach any research topics you have worked on through this partnership. |
| **5. \*What is your university-issued email address?**  **Note:** Your university-issued email should end with ".edu". |  | Text |
| **6. Please provide a link to your faculty introduction page, Google Scholar page, or LinkedIn page.** *(Optional)* |  | URL |
| **Info about the researcher's school and field of study** | **7. \*What is the name of your university and department?** |  | Text |
| **8. \*What is the address of your university and department?** |  | Text |
| **9. \*What is the link to your university's website?** |  | URL |
| **10. \*What is the link to your department's website?** |  | URL |
| **11. \*What is your area of expertise?** |  | Text |
| **12. Do you work with a research team that may also need to view the Research API datasets?** *(Optional)*  A. Yes  B. No  **If yes, please provide the following information about your team member(s):**  **name, university/ institute, department, title, and role on research team.**  **Note:** If your team has members from a different university or institution, they will need to submit their own application. |  | Multiple choice + Text |
| **13. Please provide links to your past publications or attended conferences.** *(Optional)* |  | URL |
| **Research proposal** | **14. \*Which research topic category does your proposal fall under?**  A. Consumer trends, behavioral science, community and culture, education  B. Radicalization, misinformation, disinformation, hate speech, violent extremism, influence operations  C. Human rights  D. Civic engagement and activism  E. Algorithm  F. Mental health  G. Youth safety & well-being  H. Other (please specify) |  | Multiple choice + Text |
| **15. \*Please provide a summary of your project. (200 words max.)**  *Please provide an outline of the research project, including the context, importance, and potential of your findings.* |  | Text |
| **16. \*Please provide a description of your research design. (200 words max.)**  *Please describe how you will carry out the research and which methods will be used to analyze the data.* |  | Text |
| **17. \*Please share which data set you would like to access, the reasoning behind your request, and the time range and geographic selection of the required data.**  A. Texts (captions and comments)  - How will this data support your research?  - How will you use this data?  - What is the time range of the required data?  - What is the geographic selection of the required data?  B. Videos  - How will this data support your research?  - How will you use this data?  - What is the time range of the required data?  - What is the geographic selection of the required data?  C. Engagement metrics (share count, view count, etc.)  - How will this data support your research?  - How will you use this data?  - What is the time range of the required data?  - What is the geographic selection of the required data?  D. Not finding what you want? Please provide what data access you would like |  | Multiple choice + Text:  A. Texts (captions and comments):  How will this data support your research?  How will you use this data?  B. Videos:  How will this data support your research?  How will you use this data?  C. Engagement metrics (share count, view count, etc.)  How will this data support your research?  How will you use this data?  The time range of data required.  Geographic selection of data required. |
| **18. \*Do you have plans to share the data with third parties (for example, another institution or entity)?**  A. Yes  B. No |  | Multiple choice + Text  If yes, please specify the party with whom you plan to share the data and the reason for doing so. |
| **19. \*Define the time period you will require API access to the dataset for. Please provide your answer in the following format:**  **End: MM-YY**  **Note:** Access starts from the day of application approval and it will take 4-6 weeks. You can only access a data set for up to 2 years. |  | Date |
| 19-1. **\*Please describe your plans for research ethics governance in this project (200 words max.)**  *Please attach the approval letter from your university or institute's ethics committee regarding your research proposal.* |  | Text |
| 19-2. **\*Please describe your data protection plans by providing the terms of your research data and privacy governance. (200 words max.)** |  | Text |
| **20. \*Please provide your research hypothesis or research question. (200 words max.)**  *Please explain your hypothesis, drawing from current literature.* |  | Text |
| **21. \*Please provide a summary of your literature review. (300 words max.)** |  | Text |
| **22. \*Please share the expected outputs of your project. (200 words max.)**  *TikTok is committed to supporting contributions to our industry. Please share how you intend to use your findings and outputs (for example, publish blog posts, academic articles, books, or present talks at conferences). Although it is not mandatory, we appreciate being informed about your expected publications and other uses.* |  | Text |
| **23. Please provide your references or citations.***(Optional)* |  | URL |
| **Data protection risk assessment** | **24. \*As described in the Research API Terms of Service, TikTok requires applicants to comply with our** [**Global Data Sharing Research security measures**](https://www.tiktok.com/legal/page/global/global-data-sharing-research-appendix/en)**. Please re-confirm that these security measures can and shall be met as part of this service.**  A. Yes, I confirm  B. No, I can't confirm |  | Multiple choice + Attachment  - Please add any supporting documents to the email |
| **Methodology review** | **25. \*Has your research methodology been peer-reviewed?**  A. Yes  B. No |  | Multiple choice |
| **Other** | **26. \*Please confirm that you've attached all requested documentation.**  A. Yes, I confirm  B. No, I can't confirm |  | Attachment  - Please add any supporting documents to the email |

### **Endorsement Letter Example**

Subject: Letter of endorsement

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is [professor's name], working at [university name] as a/an [professor's position]. I am proud to offer my endorsement of （applicant's name) and their project, titled .

The research topic and methodology is in line with the standards and guidelines of the university. The data being asked for is necessary for the completion of the research.

[applicant's name] will be working on the project under my mentorship and abide by the best practice of data protection.

Best,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [Professor's name]

Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (For example, Dean, Dr., or Professor)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_