

# Contributor Interface & Independence Policy

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## 1. Purpose

This document defines how Contributors interface with QIST scientific outputs while preserving scientific independence, institutional integrity, and non-commercial posture.

## 2. Role Separation (Non-Negotiable)

QIST maintains strict separation between:

- Scientific Authority (research, cryptography, standards)
- Interpretive & Educational Contributions
- Governance & Oversight

## 3. Contributor Interface Model

Contributors may:

- Reference published QIST artifacts only
- Produce commentary, summaries, and institutional framing
- Participate in roundtables and educational sessions

Contributors may not:

- Access draft research or internal deliberations
- Participate in peer review or research prioritization
- Propose, modify, or evaluate cryptographic designs

Interaction with the scientific cohort is read-only and post-publication.

## 4. Independence Safeguards

- Contributor affiliation is non-exclusive
- No compensation tied to viewpoint or publication
- No performance incentives, quotas, or advocacy mandates

## 5. Editorial Oversight

All contributor outputs are subject to:

- Attribution check
- Conflict-of-interest disclosure
- Verification that no new technical claims are introduced

## 6. Enforcement

Violations may result in:

- Reclassification of content
- Retraction
- Suspension or termination of Contributor status