How CQER-IQ Simplified NDA Templates for Research Teams



Introduction

CQER-IQ, founded by theoretical physicist and entrepreneur Richard H Harris MBE, is a business on the frontier of human–AI collaborative research. Its research portfolio includes such topics as cosmology, next-generation batteries, and fusion energy. CQER-IQ also works with researchers at almost a dozen academic institutions, collaborating on publications and exploring pathways towards practical technologies.

Challenges

The team at CQER-IQ needed a reliable way to obtain signed NDAs from collaborators and other counterparties to protect confidential research and commercially sensitive information. Richard had used Docusign at other workplaces, and he knew it came with a few pain points—costly services that didn't have the flexibility he needed when it came to preparing NDA documents for signature. So he went looking for a platform that could make templating NDA documents as simple as a few clicks.

Solution

Richard chose BoldSign for a few standout reasons: it offered cost savings for his startup, a personal level of service in its support team, and out-of-the box convenience. He and the CQER-IQ team took advantage of the BoldSign **developer sandbox account** option, which allowed them to test the full software at no cost. Once they determined the NDAs were ready to go, they rolled out BoldSign to their live environment. They can, as Richard put it, "set it and forget it." He says, though, that his favorite part of using BoldSign is the reduction of cognitive load. "The biggest savings is one that you can't really quantify very easily," he said. "We're in this day and age where you've got so much going on that you cannot afford even small extra stressors."

Industry
Research Services

Product used
BoldSign

Region
UK

Use case
CQER-IQ, a research services business that investigates topics from quantum gravity to cancer biology, uses BoldSign to streamline NDA workflows, with plans to extend the approach to other legal documents.

> *“It doesn’t matter whether you're a big company or a small company, the BoldSign solution just really works.”*
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> **- Richard H Harris MBE, Founder and Principal Investigator, CQER-IQ**

Conclusion

Now that CQER-IQ has an e-signature solution that meets its needs, Richard and his team can handle the most important part of the business—the research—instead of getting mired in paperwork. With NDA workflows streamlined, Richard is looking forward to standardising other contract processes through the platform as well. He’s also suggested that BoldSign could make his day-to-day work at Corum Group easier.

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