BGI Nexus Grant Round 1: Safety and Ethics Guidelines

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As part of your proposal, you must consider and articulate how safety and ethics relate to your Al solution. Per the <u>Round Rules and Guidelines</u>, the safety and ethics considerations should address:

- How the project will handle ethical considerations, particularly for technologies, such as facial recognition or handling user data, that could have a significant societal impact
- Describe a safety plan throughout the milestones. (This will be monitored by reviewers and will be a factor in decisions around the disbursement of funds for milestones.)

(Project must meet all criteria)

Given the diversity of projects, the relevance of these aspects will vary. Below are some key directions to incorporate into your proposal:

1. Safety Considerations

- If your project interacts with real-world systems, processes user data, or automates decision-making, outline any potential risks and how you mitigate them.
- Consider risks such as robustness, security, reliability, and unintended consequences.
- If safety is not relevant to your proposal, briefly explain why.

2. Ethical Considerations

- Address potential societal impacts, biases, fairness, transparency, and accountability.
- If your project involves data, explain how you ensure privacy and responsible data use
- Consider the global impact—how does your project contribute positively and equitably?

3. Milestones & Implementation

- Explain how safety and ethics are integrated into your development process.
- If applicable, include specific milestones related to safety testing, audits, ethical reviews, or stakeholder engagement.
- Demonstrate an ongoing commitment rather than a one-time assessment.

Proposal safety and ethics plans do not need to be lengthy, but should be explicit in the text and reflect a thoughtful approach to responsible AI development.