



SHP Student Interns for Research and Scholarly Activities Project Proposal Form

Instructions:

Please fill each box to the right of the required fields, obtain the required signature and return via email to Michele Sisco (mcoral@shp.rutgers.edu) by **March 24, 2025**.

If you are sending attachments, please ensure your contact information is added to all your forms.

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Project Detail:

Project Title: (56 characters max)

Understanding the Breast Cancer Screening Experiences of Autistic Adults

Hypothesis:

Adults with autism will report sensory-related challenges accessing mammograms.

Description:

(Include design, methodology, data collection, techniques, data analysis to be employed, evaluation and interpretation methodology for research component)

This qualitative research study will employ phenomenological semi-structured indepth interviews to understand the lived experiences of adults who have avoided or had a mammogram. We will then employ a phenomenologically grounded thematic analysis approach using a combination of Qinsights and Nvivo.

Specific Student Responsibilities:

The student will collaborate with the PI to recruit subjects and conduct interviews. The student will also assist with conducting the qualitative analysis.

Start / end date of project: May 2026- August 2026

WHAT OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS?

(e.g., journal club, seminars, clinic, rounds)

WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO PRESENT OR PUBLISH THE FINDINGS WITH THE STUDENT?

(e.g., national or state meetings, newsletter or journal, SHP poster day)

The student will participate in regular meetings within the PI's research lab, which include journal clubs. The PI will also include the student in relevant seminars on implementation science.

I plan to present these findings at AcademyHealth 2027, NJOTA 2026; and at the international OT conference.

CHECK ALL APPROPRIATE BOXES BELOW AND PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION.

This project is: clinical laboratory behavioral survey educational

Other: please specify _____

This project involves the use of human subjects (including chart review, retrospective studies and questionnaires).

Pending Approved IRB Protocol Number Pro2026000482

IRB approval must be obtained by June 2025

Are you an Employee at RU? ***Yes*** ***No***

Are you a Non-resident Alien? ***Yes*** ***No***

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Signature of Department Chair

03/14/2026

Date