

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 13, 2021  
**TO:** Carolyn Shivers, Shuqi Yu  
**FROM:** Virginia Tech Institutional Review Board (FWA00000572)  
**PROTOCOL TITLE:** College Sibling Survey  
**IRB NUMBER:** 20-655

Effective May 13, 2021, the Virginia Tech Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) determined that this protocol meets the criteria for exemption from IRB review under 45 CFR 46.104(d) category (ies) 2(i).

Ongoing IRB review and approval by this organization is not required. This determination applies only to the activities described in the IRB submission and does not apply should any changes be made. If changes are made and there are questions about whether these activities impact the exempt determination, please submit an amendment to the HRPP for a determination.

This exempt determination does not apply to any collaborating institution(s). The Virginia Tech HRPP and IRB cannot provide an exemption that overrides the jurisdiction of a local IRB or other institutional mechanism for determining exemptions.

All investigators (listed above) are required to comply with the researcher requirements outlined at:

<https://secure.research.vt.edu/external/irb/responsibilities.htm>

(Please review responsibilities before beginning your research.)

## PROTOCOL INFORMATION:

Determined As: **Exempt, under 45 CFR 46.104(d) category(ies) 2(i)**  
Protocol Determination Date: **September 10, 2020**

## ASSOCIATED FUNDING:

The table on the following page indicates whether grant proposals are related to this protocol, and which of the listed proposals, if any, have been compared to this protocol, if required.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

This amendment, submitted March 9, 2021, updates research protocol. Recruitment materials were updated to add SPARK (Simons Foundation Power Autism Research for Knowledge) as a recruitment partner. Consent forms were updated to include additional data-sharing authorization for SPARK participants. Data collection instruments were updated to add branching logic question to direct participants (SPARK, non-SPARK) to the appropriate consent.

Date*	OSP Number	Sponsor	Grant Comparison Conducted?

\* Date this proposal number was compared, assessed as not requiring comparison, or comparison information was revised.

If this protocol is to cover any other grant proposals, please contact the HRPP office ([irb@vt.edu](mailto:irb@vt.edu)) immediately.