IRB APPROVAL LETTER (Riley-Ancar) The accessibility challenges of online learning affecting successful degree completion among visually impaired 10\_25\_2021.pdf

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Dear Ms. Ancar:

The University of Arizona Global Campus (UAGC) is committed to the highest ethical standards in the conduct of research. The

purpose of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) is to ensure ethical research practices among its students and faculty. For projects

involving humans as participants, UAGC is guided by the ethical principles set forth in the Declaration of Helsinki, the National

Commission for the Protection of Human Participants of Biomedical and Behavioral Researcher’s Ethical Principles, and Guidelines

for the Protection of Human Participants of Research: The Belmont Report. In addition, UAGC is committed to ensuring that all

human participant research, regardless of funding source, follows the requirements set forth in Title 45, Part 46 of the Code of Federal

Regulations

(http://ohrp.osophs.dhhs.gov/humansubjects/guidance/45cfr46.htm).

The UAGC IRB for Human Participants is

registered with the federal government.

We are writing in response to your proposal submission to the IRB: The exploration of accessibility challenges of online learning affecting successful

degree completion among visually impaired undergraduate students.

Although it is not anticipated that the risk to your participants is beyond minimal, there is always a possibility of some risk with any research study

involving human subjects. If you determine during data collection that a participant appears to be under undue stress because of the study, you are instructed

to cease data collection and seek out professional counseling for the participant. It is also your responsibility to ensure that the data collected includes

proper Informed Consent prior to any participant access to your survey questionnaire and this written Informed Consent be maintained for review by the

IRB at any time over the next five years.

Your proposal is approved for one year from the date listed above. Please contact the IRB if you make any substantive changes to your proposal, as these

would require IRB approval.

Please note that the IRB has the responsibility to protect the rights and safety of research participants in accordance with Federal Law and National Institutes

of Health and Human Services. The IRB does not have anything directly to do with the awarding of monies, grants, or scholarships.

Best Regards,

Charles P. Holmes, Ph.D., M.S.P.H. Chair, Institutional Review Board

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https://www.uagc.edu/about/institutional-review-board

The University of Arizona Global Campus online proposal submission forms, including the required Proposal Application cover sheet:

Student:

https://ashford.instructure.com/courses/33789/pages/institutional-review-board-irb

Faculty:

https://www.uagc.edu/about/institutional-review-board-forms

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