

Ward Summer Research Student (SOAR position) – Summer 2026

Program: Sparking student Opportunities for Advancing inclusive childhood disability
Research program

Principal Investigator: Dr. Melanie Penner

Lab: [ACCEPT Lab](#)

Graduate Department Affiliation: Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation
(IHPME)

Project Title

Project ECHO Autism Diagnosis and Integrated Care Opportunities (ECHO AuDIO)

Project Overview

Join the Autism Research Centre, an interdisciplinary team dedicated to improving care for autistic children and youth. This role focuses on evaluating and implementing ECHO AuDIO toolkits, which aim to help community healthcare providers deliver integrated, community-based care for autistic children. The successful candidate will work alongside a PhD student and gain experience in implementation science methodologies.

Position Details

- **Start Date:** May 4, 2026
 - **End Date:** July 24, 2026
 - **Type:** Hourly
 - **Wage:** \$17.60/hour
 - **Position Type:** Hybrid
 - **Number of Positions:** 1
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Responsibilities

- Assist with analysis and report writing
 - Support general administrative and clerical tasks
 - Contribute to knowledge translation activities
 - Perform additional duties as required
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Qualifications

- Enrolled in an undergraduate degree program
 - Minimum GPA of **3.7 or higher** in the last two years of study
 - Strong communication and teamwork skills
 - Accuracy and attention to detail
 - Ability to organize work and meet deadlines
 - Proficiency in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel
 - Data management skills and principles
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Application Requirements

- Cover letter
- CV
- Transcript