

## **STRONG HEART STUDY THESIS PROPOSAL GUIDELINES**

We encourage degree candidates to submit proposals that utilize Strong Heart Study data to address research questions related to cardiovascular health outcomes.

Degree candidates submit a thesis or dissertation proposal that is then reviewed by the Strong Heart Study Publications and Presentations Committee (SHS P&P). SHS P&P members review all proposals and consults with degree candidates regarding the availability of data that are needed for each proposed project, which should be feasible in terms of availability of data. The committee makes a recommendation to approve the proposal, deny the proposal, or to defer a decision pending additional information or clarification from the investigators. After receiving approval from the Publications and Presentations Committee, the project may commence.

The following are additional requirements:

- **If you have SHS data from previous work, please delete data collected from one participating community. This community withdrew consent. Their data may not be included in any analyses. An exclusion list will be provided upon request for an approved paper proposal.**
- Degree candidates must comply and respond regularly to the status survey on their approved thesis or dissertation proposals conducted by the SHS Publications and Presentations Committee twice a year.
- If any papers are to be generated from a thesis or dissertation, authors should submit separate paper proposals to SHS P&P by following the SHS Paper Proposal Guideline.
- An acknowledgement of the grant support for the Strong Heart Study is required for publications and presentations.
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- Do not mention any tribal/community name in a thesis or dissertation, including the acknowledgement section.