**Name of Potential Opportunity:** Terms of Service; Didn’t Read (ToS;DR)

**Name and titles of potential supervisor/s (and link to external-facing RTI expert page, if available):**
Name: Robert Furberg, PhD  
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**Overview: (2-4 sentences)**
Human subjects research is becoming more distributed in nearly every discipline of study. Specific to COVID, a growing number of prospective, longitudinal studies now seek access to connected devices personally owned by study participants. Data generated from these devices are expected to address a wide range of research questions: from understanding early symptomatology, to characterizing outcomes associated with long term confinement. Hundreds of thousands of US adults have already enrolled in such studies via smartphone app or website, yet little is known about how well aligned the constellation of vendor policies and service agreements are with remotely administered informed consent materials. This project seeks to collect and systematically analyze the publicly available ToS and privacy policies for the top three wearable device makers and the informed consent documents used by five ongoing COVID studies to assess and describe: 1) overall concordance of terms; 2) accessibility or readability; and 3) transparency regarding data access and privacy.

**Preferred skills: (including foreign languages, programming languages, etc.)**
Qualitative data collection, analysis, and reporting  
**Areas of interest:** digital/health literacy; ethical / legal / social issues; technical policy

**Number or Interns: 1**