Dear Professor Anne Gaderman,

I am a Senior Professor and researcher in Applied Social Sciences and Data Science at a Brazilian Public University, called São Paulo State University (UNESP). And I've been working and teaching about Information Technology for the last 30 years.

In recent years, along with a group of students and professors, we have researched how we can extract intelligence from data, using surveys and the R statistical language for data analysis and exploration, among other resources.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in Brazil (as of March 2020) we have made efforts to understand pandemic impacts on university students and professors, in our university and also on Brazilian undergraduate and graduate students.

Initially, this research proposal was developed using few college resources, but now our main state funding institution, called São Paulo State Foundation for Research Support (FAPESP Agency) opened the possibility from funding our research’s proposal at a national and, perhaps, international level.

Through a joint researching call between the UN (United Nations Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery) and Fapesp agency aiming to identify and articulate researches that will support decision-making, at local, regional and global level, of post-COVID-19 reconstruction and strengthening measures, we could get funding to broaden our initial research proposal.

In addition, in order to promote the sharing of knowledge and discoveries about the pandemic, this joint researching call requires that Brazilian proponents of research on COVID-19 identify eligible partners (both in the case of independent projects and in the case of those with links to ongoing projects) share efforts in defining a joint project.

In the search for eligible international partnerships, through the directory of related researchers on Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au\_sujet/facts-faits/index-eng.aspx) I’ve found out that you’re researching on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the well-being of students and teachers, one of the aspects of the research proposed by our research group.

By reading your project (https://covid19.research.ubc.ca/research/impact-covid-19-pandemic-student-and-teacher-well-being-examining-inequity-supports-and) and your biography (<https://www.spph.ubc.ca/person/anne-gadermann/>) I believe we could overlap our goals in a joint project here in Brazil. It would be a great honor to be able to count on your cooperation if there is interest on your part.

Unfortunately, we have a very short deadline to submit the proposal to our agency, so feel free to decline if you cannot or are not interested. I'll likewise thank you for your attention.

If you're interested, I can send you the proposal we're developing and talk.

Once again, I thank you in advance for your attention!