

Certificate of Appreciation

To whom it may concern,

We would like to recognize the outstanding contribution, effort, and dedication of Shalini Corea to our team as a volunteer Advanced research assistant for the CoronaNet Research Project. Shalini was active with our project from 2020-04-08 to 2022-11-07 and, in that time, coded and updated policy information for United States and Egypt. Without the support of our dedicated RAs, such as Shalini Corea, we would not be able to sustain our pace of policy documentation which, to date, counts more than 100 thousand policies from virtually every country in the world.

The CoronaNet Research Project is working to gather comprehensive and global data on government responses to the COVID-19 crisis. This work includes gathering information about which governments are responding to the coronavirus, toward whom policies are targeted (e.g. other countries), the types of policies enacted (e.g. travel restrictions, banning exports of masks) and their timing and duration. For more information, see www.coronanet-project.org.

Shalini has been a country expert for United States and Egypt. This role involves researching and creating a comprehensive overview of government policies enacted in United States and Egypt as well as collecting and entering new and updated policy information related to COVID-19. Becoming a country expert requires passing a series of trainings on how to code data in the CoronaNet database, which uses a custom Qualtrics survey instrument, keeping up with policy coding on a weekly basis, and attending weekly country- or regional coordination meetings as well as project-wide meetings.

After gaining sufficient experience and expertise within CoronaNet, RAs are promoted to Advanced Research Assistant, which is the position currently held by Shalini. This role involves coding an impressive number of 100 policies or more and being engaged as a research assistant for at least 3 months. Advanced research assistants have gained high expertise in PHSM data and the CoronaNet dataset. They have extensive knowledge of the taxonomy and the project structure, and provide support to other research assistants. With their considerable knowledge, they play an integral role in the success of the project.

In addition to being a country expert, Shalini took on the following additional roles within CoronaNet:

- **Data Science Analyst:** The work of data scientists at CoronaNet consists of the technical management of the rapidly evolving policy dataset as well as managing the technical infrastructure needed to keep CoronaNet running smoothly. The data science team further works to identify opportunities for leveraging the data for research and analysis by both internal and external parties. Membership requirements for the data science team include prior coding or analytics experience, having strong problem-solving skills, creativity, and the ability to work with different data architectures.

In conclusion, we would like to reiterate our thanks to Shalini Corea for supporting these important and time-sensitive collection efforts and for being part of the CoronaNet community.



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