Examining the Impacts of COVID-19 on University Policies and Student Housing

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Research Project Overview: During the Spring 2020 semester, colleges and universities were confronted by the decision to close down campus housing and services. We are examining the implications for students as their housing plans were disrupted and they had to make new arrangements on short notice. In addition, we are looking forward to the Fall 2020 semester to consider how institutions are planning for changes to student housing demand, as in-person enrollments and uncertainty about public health requirements remain in flux.

As part of this project, we have been capturing time-sensitive data from university websites related to their COVID-19 responses and policies. The data includes all R1 universities within the US, with additional institutions to ensure we have data for the flagship university in every state. We are looking for a student who is interested in learning/applying both quantitative and qualitative research methods to assist with our analysis of institutional polices/responses. The student will work with us to develop a code book for analyzing our data set and, subsequently, will use the code book to help identify university approaches to COVID-19. This is a great opportunity to learn (or hone) both qualitative and quantitative analysis, while working on a contemporary issue that will have implications for students and universities across the country.

Any pre-requisites needed? Prior coursework with research methods (e.g., PUP 424, PUP 571, PUP 579) is strongly preferred.

Research available for scholarship ($1000)? Yes

Research available for course credit (45 hours per credit)? Yes

Research opportunity available to ASU Online Students: Yes