

Amin Shirazian

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Education

Toronto Metropolitan University

Doctor of Philosophy	ECONOMICS (in progress)	GPA: 4.17/4.33
Master of Arts	ECONOMICS (2019)	GPA: 4/4.33
Bachelor of Arts	ECONOMICS (2017)	GPA: 3.14/4.33

<u>Research Interests</u>	Macroeconomics, Health Economics, Indigenous Economics, Heterogeneous Agent Models
<u>Software Skills</u>	L ^A T _E X, Python, C++, MATLAB, Stata

Professional Experience

Toronto Metropolitan University

January 2021 – present

Contract Lecturer

CECN603 — Economic Issues in Globalization [one section: 44 students]	<i>Summer 2025</i>
CECN301 — Intermediate Macroeconomics I [one section: 61 students]	<i>Winter 2025</i>
CECN204 — Introductory Macroeconomics [one section: 59 students]	<i>Summer 2024</i>

Research Assistant

January 2021 – present

Working paper: (1) Pass through of prices to the northern communities
Working paper (2) Imputing health spending for Health and Retirement Survey.
Working paper (3) Endogenous Medical Spending and late life saving behavior.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

January 2021 – present

Tutorial sessions; midterm invigilation; grading lab exercises, term papers, and term projects; logging weekly attendance; responding to student inquiries.

Graduate Courses and Instructors:

EF9902 — Adv. Macroeconomics I, PhD (Fall 2024, 2023, 2021)	Dr. Keyvan Eslami
EF9921 — Advanced Microeconomics II, PhD (Winter 2024, 2023)	Dr. Richard Chisik
EF8902 — Macroeconomics, MA (Fall 2023, 2022)	Dr. Claustre Bajona, Dr. Hyunju Lee
EF9904 — Mathematical Economics, PhD (Fall 2021)	Dr. Haomiao Yu

Undergraduate Courses and Instructors:

ECN301 — Intermediate Macroeconomics I (Winter 2025)	Dr. Maurice Roche
ECN204 — Introductory Macroeconomics (Winter 2025)	Dr. Keyvan Eslami
ECN620 — Applied Economic Analysis (Fall 2024)	Dr. Marie Christelle Mabeu
ECN614 — An Introduction to Game Theory (Winter 2024)	Dr. Tsogbadral Galaabaatar
ECN601 — Economics of Information (Winter 2023)	Dr. Haomiao Yu
ECN600 — Intermediate Macroeconomics II (Fall 2022)	Dr. Maurice Roche
ECN189 — Math for Economics I (Winter 2022)	Dr. Anita Ajmiri
ECN506 — Money and Banking (Winter 2022)	Dr. Natalia Bezmaternykh
ECN230 — Math for Economics II (Winter 2021)	Dr. Rowan Shi

Awards

Graduate Assistant Recognition Award - Toronto Metropolitan University	2023
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RE Economics Fall 2025 Academic Assistant - Unit 3 (Job 390099)

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Economics Fall 2025 teaching assistant - Unit 3. I had the rewarding experience of working as a teaching assistant in previous years. The role allowed me to learn a great deal, and I hope for another opportunity to gain insights from students as an instructor once more.

As a two-time recipient of the Graduate Assistant of the Year award, I hope I have demonstrated my dedication to student success and learning. I have received similar appreciation from students I have tutored privately. I believe that effective teaching hinges on a deep understanding of the material. Having been a teaching assistant for six years across various courses, I have gained substantial experience in tutorial sessions and more.

My teaching philosophy aligns with the structure of a typical economics classroom. Like most instructors, I adopt an essentialist approach, covering fundamental analytical methods such as supply and demand, market equilibrium, and utility maximization. However, in more introductory courses, I favor a constructivist approach, incorporating case studies, real-world events, and discussions that develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Thank you for considering my application. I am enthusiastic about the possibility of contributing to the department and engaging with students in a meaningful way. Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my application in more detail.

Sincerely,

Amin Shirazian