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## EDUCATION

### University of California, Berkeley

- PhD Economics

Aug 2024 –

### University of Manchester

- MSc Economics *with Distinction and John Stewart Prize* Sep 2021 – Sep 2022
  - Awarded John Stewart Prize for outstanding performance in three Econometrics courses in the MSc Economics class of more than 150 students.

### Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan

### School of Science and Engineering-Department of Mathematics

- BS in Economics and Mathematics (Joint) *with high distinction* Aug 2017 – Jun 2021

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Columbia University in City of New York

### Staff Associate I/ Predoctoral Research Fellow in Economics

Sep 2022 - Jul 2024

- I worked for Professors [Michael Carlos Best](#) and [Jack J. Willis](#) in Department of Economics. Most of my work was in Public Finance and Development Economics.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Public Economics, Macroeconomics, State Capacity and Innovation in Public Sector**

## FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

- June 2025: £5000 IGC Summer PhD fellowship at IGC Office Lahore Pakistan
- June 2025: 2025 Stone Center Summer Institute on Inequality at UC Berkeley
- March 2025: Awarded Fulcrum Project Fellowship for future economic thinkers with [Heidi Williams](#) and [Paul Niehaus](#)
- December 2022: John Stewart Prize for Econometrics by the University of Manchester
- September 2022: Weiss Fund for Development Economics Kabir Banerjee Predoctoral Fellowship Finalist at University of Chicago
- September 2021: School of Social Sciences Scholarship for MSc Economics, University of Manchester, tuition waiver and £15,600 stipend
- 2020: Participated in Annual South Asian Economics Students Meet
- 2018: AFINITI Limited Scholarship awarded to outstanding Mathematics student at LUMS
- 2017–2021: National Outreach Program Scholarship at LUMS, Lahore (PKR 4.1 Million)
- 2007-2017: Punjab Education Endowment Scholarship

## WORKING PAPERS

- [Size-Based Policies and Firm Growth: Evidence from Pakistan](#) with [Zehra Farooq](#)(Tulane), [Usama Jamal](#)(Manchester) and [Mazhar Waseem](#)(Manchester, CEPR, IFS)
- [Intended and Unintended Consequences of Anti-avoidance Rules: Evidence from Uganda](#) with Usama Jamal (Manchester), Kyle McNabb (ODI) and Mazhar Waseem (CEPR, IFS, Manchester)

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- IGC grant for project "Understanding Firms' Behavioral Response to Increased Compliance Cost and Advance Taxes: Theory and Evidence from Pakistan" joint with Shaheryar and Zehra Farooq Dec 2024 – Dec 2026, £24,424
- IGC grant for project "Intended and Unintended Consequences of Anti-avoidance Rules: Evidence from Uganda," joint with Usama Jamal, Kyle McNabb, and Mazhar Waseem Jan 2024 – Jan 2026, £29,000
- ICTD grant for project "Intended and Unintended Consequences of Anti-avoidance Rules: Evidence from Uganda," joint with Usama Jamal, Kyle McNabb, and Mazhar Waseem Jan 2024 – Jan 2026, £25,000
- [UNU-WIDER grant](#) for project "Intended and Unintended Consequences of Anti-avoidance Rules: Evidence from Uganda," joint with Usama Jamal, Kyle McNabb, and Mazhar Waseem Sep 2022 – Dec 2023, \$10,000

## LANGUAGES

- English (Fluent), Punjabi (native)