

# MUHAMMAD BASHIR

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## EDUCATION

### University of California, Berkeley

*Ph.D. Student in Economics*

Aug 2024 – Present

Berkeley, CA

#### Selected Coursework:

**ECON 236 A & B** Advanced Macroeconomics I & II

**ECON 202 A & B** PhD first-year macro sequence I & II

**ECON 230 A & B** Public Economics I & II

### University of Manchester

*M.Sc. in Economics (Distinction)*

Sep 2021 – Sep 2022

Manchester, UK

**Honor:** John Stewart Prize for outstanding performance across three Econometrics courses.

### Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)

*B.S. in Economics and Mathematics (Joint), High Distinction*

Aug 2017 – Jun 2021

Lahore, Pakistan

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Columbia University in the City of New York

*Staff Associate I / Predoctoral Research Fellow in Economics*

Sep 2022 – Jul 2024

New York, NY

- Worked with Prof. Michael Carlos Best and Prof. Jack J. Willis (Department of Economics), primarily on projects in Public Finance and Development Economics.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Economics; Macroeconomics

## 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:** “Understanding Firms’ Behavioral Response to Increased Compliance Cost and Advance Taxes: Theory and Evidence from Pakistan” (with Shaheryar and Zehra Farooq), Dec 2024 – Dec 2026, £24,424

**IGC:** “Intended and Unintended Consequences of Anti-avoidance Rules: Evidence from Uganda” (with Usama Jamal, Kyle McNabb, Mazhar Waseem), Jan 2024 – Jan 2026, £29,000

**ICTD:** “Intended and Unintended Consequences of Anti-avoidance Rules: Evidence from Uganda” (with Usama Jamal, Kyle McNabb, Mazhar Waseem), Jan 2024 – Jan 2026, £25,000

**UNU-WIDER:** Grant for “Intended and Unintended Consequences of Anti-avoidance Rules: Evidence from Uganda” (with Usama Jamal, Kyle McNabb, Mazhar Waseem), Sep 2022 – Dec 2023, \$10,000

## FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

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**Jun 2025** IGC Summer PhD Fellowship, IGC Office Lahore (Pakistan), £5,000

**Jun 2025** Stone Center Summer Institute on Inequality, UC Berkeley

**Mar 2025** Fulcrum Project Fellowship for Future Economic Thinkers (with Heidi Williams and Paul Niehaus)

**Dec 2022** John Stewart Prize for Econometrics, University of Manchester

**Sep 2022** Weiss Fund for Development Economics (Kabir Banerjee Predoctoral Fellowship) Finalist, University of Chicago

**Sep 2021** School of Social Sciences Scholarship, University of Manchester (tuition waiver + £15,600 stipend)

## SKILLS

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**Programming Tools** Python, R, Stata, Julia, SQL, Bash, C#  
Git, Slurm, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, AWS, VSCode & Copilot

## LANGUAGES

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English (Fluent); Punjabi (Native)