

# MUHAMMAD BASHIR

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## EDUCATION

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**University of California, Berkeley**  
*Ph.D. Student in Economics*

Aug 2024 – Present  
Berkeley, CA

**University of Manchester**  
*M.Sc. in Economics (Distinction)*

Sep 2021 – Sep 2022  
Manchester, UK

**Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)**  
*B.S. in Economics and Mathematics (Joint), High Distinction*

Aug 2017 – Jun 2021  
Lahore, Pakistan

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**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

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Public Economics; Macroeconomics

## WORKING PAPERS

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**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

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

## LANGUAGES

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English (Fluent); Punjabi (Native)