

Pablo Uribe Botero

BS. Economics

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Education, health, public policy and applied microeconomics.

EDUCATION

BS., Economics (GPA 4.66/5.0 - Top of the class) 2018-2022
Universidad EAFIT, Colombia

- Emphasis on quantitative economics.
- Bachelor's thesis (Laureate distinction):
Acing the Test: Educational Effects of the SaberEs Test Preparation Program in Colombia. Using secondary and post-secondary education data from 2010 to 2017 in Colombia, I use state-of-the-art difference-in-differences methods to explore the effects of *SaberEs* on the students' high school exit exam scores and access to higher education. This work was later published in the Economics of Education Review.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research assistant October, 2023 - Present
DIME - World Bank
Research assistant for Arlen Guarin (World Bank) in development projects in fragile contexts.

- Monte Carlo simulations for power calculations of a cross-cutting RCT in Yemen.
- Construction of satellite imagery datasets with measures of nighttime lights over time.

Research assistant December, 2022 - October, 2023
Harvard-EAFIT
Research assistant for Juan Saavedra (Harvard Kennedy School) in education projects.

- Estimated the effects of several information RCT's on the educational attainment of senior high school students in Colombia.
- Performed power calculations and helped design an occupational chatbot RCT aimed at public high school students in Bogota, Colombia.

Research assistant August, 2022 - February, 2023
UNDP
Research assistant for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Worked on the returns to higher education in Colombia to support the publication of the [National Human Development Report](#).

- Estimated the returns to higher education in Colombia at the national and city levels in terms of formality and wages.

- Construction of a unique dataset containing the entire Colombian educational market from 2001 to 2008, linked with the formal labor market between 2008 to 2012.

Intern

July, 2021 - June, 2022

Colombia's Central Bank

Research assistant for Christian Posso. During the internship I mainly participated in projects about education and health.

- Estimated the results of a tech pop-up RCT on the educational attainment of senior high school students in Colombia and their behavioral responses to it, and prepared literature reviews on informational nudges in education and behavioral biases by gender.
- Constructed a dataset of all bankrupted health insurer affiliate transfers from 2009 to 2022, replicating the allocation algorithm of the Ministry of Health, and estimated the effects of such transfers on health utilization.

Undergraduate research assistant

May, 2019 - June, 2021

Universidad EAFIT, Colombia

Research assistant for Santiago Tobon at the Center for Research in Economics and Finance of Universidad EAFIT in projects related to crime. My duties included dataset management and creation, and literature reviews.

- Coauthored a report on criminal economies and violence in Latin America for the IADB, as well as an analysis on the industry of cocaine and its effects for *Debrand Cocaine*.
- Constructed a dataset for the 1872 Brazilian census from historical archives, which contains data for over 600 municipalities and 1400 parishes.

PUBLISHED WORK

- Acing the Test: Educational Effects of the *SaberEs* Test Preparation Program in Colombia. **Economics of Education Review - 2023** (with C. Posso and E. Saravia). [Paper - Working paper](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- The indirect effects of pension reforms: Evidence from Colombia (with A. Guarin and C. Posso).
- The returns to higher education in Colombia (with C. Posso and E. Saravia).
- Life in the health lane: The professional trajectories of healthcare workers in Colombia (with C. Posso, D. Márquez and G. Ceballos).

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

IEA 20th World Congress <i>Universidad EAFIT, Colombia</i>	December, 2023
Congreso Anual Red Investigadores de Economía <i>ICESI University, Colombia</i>	December, 2022
UNU-WIDER Development Conference <i>Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia</i>	October, 2022

RELEVANT COURSES

Real analysis with applications in economics <i>Universidad del Rosario</i>	July, 2023
Managing Successful Field Research <i>Development Impact - World Bank</i>	May, 2024
Social-Behavioral-Educational Comprehensive <i>CITI Program</i>	October, 2023
R Programming <i>Johns Hopkins University - Coursera</i>	2020
Python for everybody specialization <i>University of Michigan - Coursera</i>	2020

LANGUAGE AND SOFTWARE SKILLS

<i>Languages</i>	Spanish (native speaker) English (fluent)
<i>Software</i>	STATA, R, \LaTeX , Microsoft Office.

REFERENCES

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