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Education

2024 -	Ph.D. Student in Finance, MIT Sloan School of Management
2021 - 2022	M.A. in Economics, University of Chicago
2017 - 2021	B.A. in Economics and Literature, Peking University
2020 Spring	Visiting Undergraduate Student, University of Pennsylvania

Research Areas

Finance, Macroeconomics, Development

Working Papers

1. “Credit Allocation, Collateral, and Economic Development” (with Karsten Müller and Emil Verner)

Pre-PhD Research

2. “Childlessness and Development”
3. “Life-Cycle Remittance of Rural-to-Urban Migrants”

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

2025	Thomas Anthony Pappas Endowed Fellowship, MIT Sloan
2024 -	PhD Fellowship, MIT Sloan
2024	Conference Grant, MIT Graduate Student Council
2022	Quadrangle Scholar Research Award Scholarship (2/3 Tuition Waiver), University of Chicago
2021	Outstanding Undergraduate Research, Peking University
2021	Chancellor’s Undergraduate Research Funds in Economics, Peking University
2018	Award for Scientific Research, Peking University

Presentation (* presented by coauthor)

2025	AFA: Finance, Development, and Growth*; SED 2025; MIT Sloan Finance Brownbag; NBER International Finance and Macroeconomics Spring Program Meeting;
2024	NBER Investment in Early Career Scientist*

Research Employment

2022 - 2024	Predoc Research Assistant for Daniel Greenwald and Emil Verner, MIT
2021 - 2022	Part-Time Research Assistant for Rodrigo Adão, University of Chicago
2020 - 2021	Part-Time Research Assistant for Ying Feng, National University of Singapore
2018 - 2020	Part-Time Research Assistant for Yong Wang and Jiajun Xu, Peking University

Technical Skill

Programming	Python, STATA, Matlab, SQL, R, LaTeX
Language	Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent), Arabic (Intermediate)