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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. “Finance, Structural Change, and Growth” (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 Annual Meeting: Finance, Development, and Growth*; MIT Sloan Finance Brownbag; NBER Spring International Finance and Macroeconomics 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)