

# Chenxi Xu

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

**Duke University**, Durham, NC  
*The Fuqua School of Business*  
Ph.D. (Expected May 2026) in Decision Sciences  
• Advisor: Peng Sun

2020-Present

**Duke University**, Durham, NC  
*Department of Economics*  
M.S. in Financial Economics

2018-2020

**Shanghai Jiao Tong University**, Shanghai, China  
*Antai College of Economics and Management*  
B.S. in Economics

2014-2018

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Topics:** Mechanism design and applications in innovation and healthcare management; Market design

**Methodology:** Analytical modeling; Optimization

## WORKING PAPERS

1. **Optimal Push, Pull, and Failure Funding for Global Health**, with David Ridley and Peng Sun, under Major Revision at *Management Science*
2. **Conditional and Lenient Drug Approvals**, with Giuseppe Lopomo, David Ridley, and Peng Sun, under Major Revision at *Management Science*
3. **Beyond Truthful Reporting: Robust Strategies for Worst-Case Payoff Maximization in Large Markets**, with Saša Pekeč, conditionally accepted at *Information Systems Research*
4. **Government Funding Allocation in Obesity Medicine R&D: Theory and Experiments**, with Ziwei Zhu and Yushan Zhou

## WORK IN PROGRESS

**Funding mechanisms for multi-stage innovation**, with David Ridley and Peng Sun

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Duke University**, Durham, NC

### Instructor

- EGRMGMT 580 *Decision Models* (Master of engineering management), 2024 Spring
  - Evaluation: 4.67/5.0
  - Topics: decision tree, Monte Carlo Simulation, and linear optimization

### Teaching Assistant

- *Decision Models* (GEMBA, MMS, MQM, WEMBA), 2021-2025
  - Organized review sessions; Graded assignments, team projects, and exams;
  - Responded to students' requests
  - Instructor(s): Peng Sun (2021-2024); Yehua Wei (2025)

- *Dynamic Programming and Optimal Control* (PhD), 2023 Spring
  - Instructor: Peng Sun
- *Stochastic Models* (PhD), 2024 Fall
  - Instructor: Alessandro Arlotto

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Journal Referee: <i>Operations Research, Mathematics of Operations Research, Service Science</i> Organizing Committee Member – Fuqua's Interdisciplinary Seminar, 2021-2022
HONORS & AWARDS	Doctoral Fellowship, Duke University 2020-2025 Merit-Based Scholarship (\$20,000), Duke University 2018-2020 Outstanding Graduate Award, Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2018 Chailease International Scholarship, Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2016
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	INFORMS annual meeting 2023-2025 POMS annual meeting 2025
OTHER SKILLS	<b>Programming:</b> MATLAB, Mathematica <b>Languages:</b> Mandarin (native), English (fluent)
REFERENCES	<b>Peng Sun (Chair)</b> J.B. Fuqua Distinguished Professor of Business Administration Fuqua School of Business, Duke University, Durham, NC psun@duke.edu
	<b>Giuseppe Lopomo (Co-chair)</b> Alan D. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Business Administration Fuqua School of Business, Duke University, Durham, NC glopopomo@duke.edu
	<b>Saša Pekeč</b> Peterjohn-Richards Distinguished Professor of Business Administration Fuqua School of Business, Duke University, Durham, NC pekec@duke.edu
	<b>David Ridley</b> Professor of the Practice of Business, Economics, and Public Policy and Dr. and Mrs. Frank A. Riddick, Jr. Research Fellow Fuqua School of Business, Duke University, Durham, NC david.ridley@duke.edu