

Craig Fernandes

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Education

PhD Operations Research, University of Toronto Sep 2021 – Aug 2026
Advisors: Timothy C.Y. Chan and Ningyuan Chen

MASc Operations Research, University of Toronto Jan 2020 – Aug 2021
Advisor: Timothy C.Y. Chan

BASc Industrial Engineering, University of Toronto Sep 2014 – May 2018

Research Visits

Dartmouth College, Tuck School of Business Summer 2024
Hosts: James Siderius and Raghav Singal

Research (by Topic)

Operations Management

11. Data-Driven B2B Pricing: Learning from Bargainers

Timothy Chan, Ningyuan Chen, Craig Fernandes

Working paper, 2025.

10. Estimating Distributions with Failure Rate Properties from Noisy Quantile Data

Timothy Chan, Ningyuan Chen, Craig Fernandes, Muhammad Maaz

Working paper, 2025.

9. Handicapping Strategies for Maximizing Engagement in Amateur Darts Tournaments

Timothy Chan, Craig Fernandes, Rachael Walker

Working paper, 2025.

- **First Place, MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference Paper Competition, 2024**
- **Finalist, CORS Student Paper Competition (Undergraduate Category), 2023 [Awarded to Rachael]**

8. Peer Review Market Design: Effort-Based Matching and Admission Control

Craig Fernandes, James Siderius, Raghav Singal

*Under review at **Management Science**, 2025.*

- **Accepted, ACM Economics and Computation (EC), 2025**

7. Income pools for superstar markets

Timothy Chan, Ningyuan Chen, Craig Fernandes

Management Science, 2025 (Forthcoming).

- **First Place, CORS Student Paper Competition (Open Category), 2025**

6. Points gained in football: Using Markov process-based value functions to assess team performance

Timothy Chan, Craig Fernandes, Martin Puterman

Operations Research, 69(3): 877-894, 2021.

- Media Coverage: [INFORMS Analytics Magazine](#)

Analytics Education

5. Moneyball for Murderball: Using analytics to construct lineups in wheelchair rugby

Timothy Chan, Craig Fernandes, Albert Loa, Nathan Sandholtz

INFORMS Transactions on Education, 24(2):175-181, 2023.

- **First Place, INFORMS Case Competition, 2022**
- Media Coverage: [ORMS Today](#)

4. Advising student-driven analytics projects: A summary of experiences and lessons learned

Aaron Babier, Craig Fernandes, Ian Zhu

INFORMS Transactions on Education, 23(2):121-135, 2023.

- Media Coverage: [ORMS Today](#)

Sports Analytics

3. Equity, diversity, and inclusion in sports analytics

Craig Fernandes, Jason Vescovi, Richard Norman, Cheri Bradish, Nathan Taback, Timothy Chan

Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports, 20(2): 87-111, 2024.

2. A Markov approach to untangling intention versus execution in tennis

Timothy Chan, Doug Fearing, Craig Fernandes, Stephanie Kovalchik

Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports, 18(2): 127-145, 2022.

- **Finalist, MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference Poster Competition, 2022**

1. Predicting plays in the National Football League

Craig Fernandes, Ronen Yakubov, Yuze Li, Amrit Prasad, Timothy Chan

Journal of Sports Analytics, 6(1): 35-43, 2020.

Teaching Experience

Course Instructor

MIE368: Analytics in Action

Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant

MIE263: Stochastic Operations Research, Rated 4.62/5

Winter 2023, 2024, 2025

MIE368: Analytics in Action, Rated 4.86/5

Fall 2020, 2021, 2022

- **MIE Teaching Assistant Award, 2022**
- **MIE Group Teaching Assistant Award, 2020**

Invited Seminars

Rotman Young Scholar Seminar Series (Toronto)	2025
Tuck School of Business OM Group (Dartmouth College)	2024

Conferences

Data-Driven B2B Pricing

- INFORMS (Atlanta)	2025
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Peer Review Market Design

- MSOM (LBS), ACM EC (Stanford), RMP (Columbia), INFORMS (Atlanta)	2025
- NYC Ops Day (NYU), CORS (Edmonton),	2025
- INFORMS (Seattle)	2024

Income Pools for Superstar Markets

- MIW (Virtual), CORS (Edmonton), MSOM (LBS), RMP (Columbia), INFORMS (Atlanta)	2025
- MSOM (McGill), RMP (Imperial), INFORMS (Phoenix)	2023
- CORS (Vancouver), INFORMS (Indianapolis)	2022

Handicapping Strategies for Maximizing Engagement in Amateur Darts Tournaments

- NESSIS (Harvard), SSAC (MIT)	2023, 2024
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A Markov approach to untangling intention versus execution in tennis

- CORS (Virtual), NESSIS (Harvard), SSAC (MIT)	2021, 2022
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Points gained in football: Using Markov process-based value functions to assess team performance

- CORS (Halifax), Sport Innovation Summit (Toronto)	2018, 2019
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Predicting plays in the National Football League

- NESSIS (Harvard), CORS (Halifax), Sport Innovation Summit (Toronto)	2017, 2018, 2019
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Industry

Amazon , Data Scientist I (Supply Chain Optimization Technologies)	Summer 2021
PepsiCo , Process Improvement Engineering Intern	Summer 2017, 2019

Research Mentorship

Undergraduate Thesis Advising

Rachael Walker	2023
Mustafa Arif (co-advised with Binghao Zhang)	2021
Michael Yin (co-advised with Timothy Chan)	2020
Albert Loa (co-advised with Timothy Chan)	2020

Service

Session Chair

INFORMS Annual Meeting (Revenue Management)	2025
CORS Annual Meeting (Revenue Management)	2025
CORS / INFORMS International (Sports Analytics)	2022

Scholarships

Paul Cadario Fellowship in Global Engineering (\$8,900)	2025
NSERC CGS MSFSS (\$6,000)	2023
Mitacs Globalink Research Award (\$6,000)	2023
TD MDAL Research Grant (\$4,000)	2023
NSERC Vanier CGS (\$150,000)	2023-2025
NSERC CGS D [Declined] (\$105,000)	2023-2025
Wallberg Research Fellowship (\$7,500)	2022
U of T SGS Conference Travel Grant (\$800)	2022
U of T MIE Conference Travel Grant (\$650)	2022
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)	2021
NSERC CGS M (\$17,500)	2020
U of T President's Entrance Scholarship (\$5,000)	2014