

Amanda Wahlers

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EDUCATION

Stanford University Ph.D. student in Economics	September 2020 – Present Stanford, CA
Washington and Lee University Bachelor of Arts in economics with a minor in mathematics, <i>cum laude</i>	September 2014 – May 2018 Lexington, VA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Opportunity Insights at Harvard University Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow	July 2018 – June 2020 Cambridge, MA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked as a full-time research assistant to Professors Raj Chetty, David Deming, John Friedman, and Nathaniel Hendren on the Collegiate Leaders in Increasing MoBility (CLIMB) Initiative• Collaborated with team of fellow research assistants on projects seeking to increase low-income access to selective universities and estimate the causal value-added of attending individual U.S. post-secondary institutions	
Honors Thesis in Economics <i>Advised by Professor Katharine Shester</i>	September 2017 – May 2018 Lexington, VA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Used a difference-in-differences model to identify the impact of milk pasteurization on mortality from milk-related ailments in 38 U.S. cities during the early 20th century	
Federal Reserve Bank of New York Undergraduate Summer Research Analyst, <i>Capital Markets</i>	June 2017 – August 2017 New York, NY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utilized Stata and OneTick to analyze primary government securities dealers' positions and trading activity in U.S. treasury securities	
Washington and Lee Economics Department Research Assistant to Prof. Katharine Shester and Prof. Christopher Handy	October 2015 – May 2017 Lexington, VA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked in collaboration with a fellow RA to assemble and analyze historical datasets	

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Award Fellowship recognizing and supporting outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported STEM disciplines	April 2020
John McKenzie Gunn Scholarship Economics department scholarship awarded for outstanding achievement, leadership, and character	April 2017
Johnson Scholarship Merit scholarship covering Washington & Lee University's cost of attendance, awarded on the basis of academic accomplishment, leadership, and intellectual promise	May 2014
National Merit Scholarship Academic competition awarding college scholarships on the basis of PSAT/NMSQT scores	May 2014

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: Stata, Matlab, SAS/SQL, \LaTeX