

# JAVIER GONZALEZ'S CV FAILURES

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*Most of what I try fails, but these failures are often invisible, while the successes are visible.*

An interviewee on the Freakonomics podcast stated that people often see the tech stars at their top of their careers. However, people fail to understand that they needed to take innumerable small steps to get to the top. Among those small steps, there are several step backs, mistakes, and failures. Even though I'm just starting my academic career, and most definitely not a super star economist, this CV of Failures is an attempt to provide some perspective on my journey.

I copied this idea, and the first quote, from [Johannes Haushofer](#) who is an outstanding behavioral economist. He was inspired by an article written by [Melanie I. Stefan](#).

## Programs I did not get into

- 2021      PhD in Economics: Penn State, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, Bonn GSE, Zurich GSE, University of Illinois, Barcelona GSE, UC Berkeley, Northwestern, Boston University, University of Toronto, Stockholm University, University of Maryland, NYU, Texas A&M, and University College London  
*rejected*
- 2021      Research Masters in Economics: Tilburg University and Tinbergen Institute  
*rejected*
- 2015      B.A. in Economics: Universidad de Chile  
*2nd place in the wait list and got rejected*

## Academic positions and fellowships I did not get

- 2021      Chicago's Becker Friedman Institute Pre-doc  
*data task and did not get an interview*
- 2020      Chicago's Booth School Pre-doc  
*data task and did not get an interview*