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 smalls steps to get to the top. Among those small steps, there are several step backs, mistakes, and failures. This CV of Failures is an attempt to provide some perspective on my journey.

I copied this idea, and the quote, from Johannes Haushofer who wrote his CV of failures inspired by Melanie I. Stefan's article.

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 Friendman 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

Seminars and Workshops I did not qualify

2023 RIDGE Summer School in Economics

Projects that did not work

2018-2023 One-page Econ