

CV OF FAILURES

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

An interviewee in a freakonomics podcast episode said that people often see the tech stars – like Mark Zuckerberg or Steve Jobs – 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 and hopefully motivate someone to pursue an academic path. (Work in progress)

I copied this idea, and the quote below, from [Johannes Haushofer](#) who is an outstanding economist. He cites other *cv of failures* outside of economics: [Melanie I. Stefan](#), [Sara Rywe](#), and [Samuel Lord](#).

DEGREE PROGRAMS I DID NOT GET INTO

2015	B.A. in Economics, Universidad de Chile. <i>2nd place in the wait list and got rejected.</i>
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS I DID NOT GET

2020	Chicago's Booth School Pre-doctoral Fellowship <i>Did the data task and did not get an interview.</i>
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