

# 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 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. 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

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| 2021 | Ph.D. 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<br><i>rejected</i> |
| 2021 | Research Masters in Economics: Tilburg University and Tinbergen Institute<br><i>rejected</i>  |
| 2015 | B.A. in Economics: Universidad de Chile<br><i>2nd place in the waiting list</i>   |

## Academic positions and fellowships I did not get

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| 2025 | SMU O'Donnell Graduate Fellowship<br>ACES Gerard Roland Dissertation Fellowship                                 |
| 2021 | Pre-docs: Chicago's Becker Friedman Institute and Booth School<br><i>data task and did not get an interview</i> |

## Awards and scholarships I did not get

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| 2024 | SMU Provost's Summer Research Grant |
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## Conferences and summer schools I did not qualify

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| 2024 | ACES Summer School in Political Economy<br>NBER Digital Economics and Artificial Intelligence |
| 2023 | RIDGE Summer School in Economics  |