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A CV might suggest one's path is a string of continual successes. But you can't win some without also losing some. Here's a partial list of rejections. Does not include opportunities I was too insecure to apply to – shoot your shot!

EDUCATION REJECTIONS

Ph.D. , Psychology, University of Michigan (waitlisted)	2018
M.A. , Psychology, University of British Columbia	2018
Ph.D. , Psychology, Indiana University Bloomington	2018
Ph.D. , Cognitive Science, Indiana University Bloomington	2018
B.A. , Yale University	2014
B.A. , Harvard University	2014

INTERNSHIP AND TRAINING REJECTIONS

As an undergraduate

Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI) Summer Internship , Stanford University	2016
• I'm a graduate student at Stanford now and often participate in the program as a mentor/coordinator!	
countless psychology labs, Department of Psychology, University of Chicago	2014

As a high schooler

Science Research Mentoring Program , American Museum of Natural History	2013
Summer Science Research Program (SSRP) , The Rockefeller University	2013, 2014
Teen Reviewers and Critics Summer Program: MAP FREE CITY	2013
National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) , U.S. Department of State	2012
South Korea High School Summer Program, Council on International Educational Exchange	2012
countless psychology labs in NYC, New York University, Columbia University, etc...	2012
• Unfortunately, many labs can't take minors as volunteers for legal reasons.	

PUBLICATION REJECTIONS

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Zhang, M. Y.*, Sullivan, J. N.*, Roberts, S. O. (2002). [Peer commentary on “The i-frame and the s-frame: How focusing on individual-level solutions has led behavioral public policy astray,” by N. Chater & G. Loewenstein]. *Behavioral & Brain Sciences*.

RESEARCH PRESENTATION REJECTIONS

Asaba, M., Zhang, M. Y. & Leonard, J. A. Children's representations of others' gender biases.	
Flash talk at From Dyads to Collectives: Current Directions in Our Understanding of Intuitive Sociology, preconference workshop at Cognitive Development Society (CDS).	2024
Symposium talk at Cognitive Development Society (CDS).	2024
Zhang, M. Y. & Markman, E. M. Let's talk structure: the positive consequences of structural thinking.	
Symposium talk at Society for Personality & Social Psychology (SPSP).	2024

FELLOWSHIP, HONOR & AWARD REJECTIONS

As a graduate student at Stanford

NYU Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship , New York University	2024
AAUW American Dissertation Fellowship , American Association of University Women	2023
NAEd/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship , National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation	2023
VPGE Research/Teaching Award , Asian American Activities Center, Stanford University	2022

Diversity Dissertation Research Opportunity , <i>Stanford University</i>	2022
Dissertation Research Grant , <i>Russell Sage Foundation</i>	2022
Elizabeth Munsterberg Koppitz Child Psychology Graduate Student Fellowship , <i>American Psychological Foundation</i>	2022
Outstanding Research Award , <i>Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)</i>	2021
Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship , <i>Stanford University</i>	2021
Graduate Research Fellowship Program , <i>National Science Foundation</i> (rejected without review)	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to unfortunate advice about page margins from an NSF GRFP grantwriting class sunk my chances on this one. I probably learned the most from this failure: trust your gut, good friends will support you in the face of failure, and life does go on. 	
<i>As an undergraduate at UChicago</i>	
Graduate Research Fellowship Program , <i>National Science Foundation</i> (honorable mention)	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The result of an epic all-nighter without oversight or feedback from anyone sane (I would not recommend this). 	
Liew Family College Research Grant , Career Advancement, <i>The University of Chicago</i>	2017
Beinecke Scholarship	2017
Goldwater Scholarship	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some confusing advice about whether psychology was eligible as a “science” (turns out it was, thanks NSF!) caused me to not submit my application. 	
PRISM Research Grant, Career Advancement, <i>The University of Chicago</i>	2017
UCISTEM Summer Research Grant, Career Advancement, <i>The University of Chicago</i>	2017
AASAP/UK Lord Acton Memorial Scholarship , <i>Association of American Study Abroad Programmes United Kingdom</i>	2016
Summer Action Grant, Career Advancement, <i>The University of Chicago</i>	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempted to get funding for a prestigious yet poorly-paid summer internship I was admitted to at another university. I was genuinely asked by an employee why on earth the university would fund me to conduct research for the benefit of a competitor university... 	
various clubs and club leadership positions	2014–2016
Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) , <i>U.S. Department of State</i>	2016
Amazon Student Scholarship Program, <i>Amazon</i>	2015