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A CV might suggest our path is defined only by successes. And the broader culture of academia might suggest this of graduate students and academics broadly. Here's to correcting that image.

*Partial list of rejections. Does not include opportunities I was too insecure to apply to – shoot your shot!

Degree programs I didn't get into

2018	PhD program in Psychology, Department of Psychology (waitlisted) University of Michigan
2018	MA program in Psychology, Department of Psychology University of British Columbia
2018	PhD program in Psychology, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences PhD program in Cognitive Science, Cognitive Science Program Indiana University Bloomington
2014	Bachelor of Arts, Harvard University
2014	Bachelor of Arts, Yale University

Academic/research experiences I didn't get into

As an undergraduate student

Summer 2016	Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI) Summer Internship Stanford University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I'm a graduate student at Stanford now and often coordinate this program & participate in the program as a mentor!
2014	too many labs to recall, Department of Psychology University of Chicago <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am perpetually thankful Daniel Casasanto decided to take a chance on first-year me.
<i>As a high schooler</i>	
2013	Science Research Mentoring Program , American Museum of Natural History
2013, 2014	Summer Science Research Program (SSRP) , The Rockefeller University
2013	Teen Reviewers and Critics Summer Program: MAP FREE CITY
2012	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 the NYC area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unfortunately, many labs can't take minors as volunteers for legal reasons.

Publication rejections

*co-first author

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*.

Honor & award rejections

As a graduate student

- 2023 [AAUW American Dissertation Fellowship](#), American Association of University Women
- 2023 [NAEd/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship](#), National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation
- 2022 [VPGE Research/Teaching Award](#), Asian American Activities Center, Stanford University
- 2022 [Diversity Dissertation Research Opportunity](#), Stanford University
- 2022 [Dissertation Research Grant](#), Russell Sage Foundation
- 2022 [Elizabeth Munsterberg Koppitz Child Psychology Graduate Student Fellowship](#), American Psychological Foundation
- 2021 [Outstanding Research Award](#), Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
- 2021 [Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship](#), Stanford University
- 2020 [Graduate Research Fellowship Award](#), National Science Foundation (rejected without review)
- Listening to unfortunate advice about page margins from a university-offered 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.

As an undergraduate student

- 2018, 2020 [Graduate Research Fellowship Award](#), National Science Foundation (honorable mention)
- The result of an epic all-nighter without any feedback or revisions (I would not recommend this).
- 2017 [Liew Family College Research Grant](#), Career Advancement, The University of Chicago
- 2017 [Beinecke Scholarship](#)
- 2017 [Goldwater Scholarship](#)
- Some confusing advice about whether psychology was eligible as a “science” (turns out it was, thanks NSF!) caused me to chicken out on even applying.
- 2017 PRISM Research Grant, Career Advancement, The University of Chicago
- 2017 UCISTEM Summer Research Grant, Career Advancement, The University of Chicago
- 2016 [AASAP/UK Lord Acton Memorial Scholarship](#), Association of American Study Abroad Programmes United Kingdom
- 2016 Summer Action Grant, Career Advancement, The University of Chicago
- various various clubs and club leadership positions

As a high schooler

- 2016 [Critical Language Scholarship \(CLS\)](#), U.S. Department of State
- 2015 Amazon Student Scholarship Program, Amazon