

CV OF FAILURES

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This is inspired by Prof. Jessica Vitak's CV of failures. As a first-generation college student who were born at a working-class family in a small town and a sexual minority, I have ups and downs. I'd like to share some of my failure experience with my peers who may be struggling their way forward as well. Hope this helps you feel that you're not alone. Come on. You fail because you want something and try and that's good. Out of one hundred times of failures may we get one chance.

JOURNAL SUBMISSION REJECTED

Desk Rejection

- New Media & Society, 2021
- Information, Communication, & Society, 2021
- The Information Society, 2021

Rejection After Review

- Media, Culture, & Society

CONFERENCE SUBMISSION REJECTED

- the International Communication Association (ICA) x 2, 2022
- Queer Cultures in Digital Asia, 2021
- Health Communication Innovation Forum (Held by Xiamen University), 2021
- Association of Education of Journalism and Communication (AEJMC) x 3, 2021
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BOOKS TRANSLATION JOB APPLICATION REJECTED

- The translation of Cold Intimacies by Eva Illouz, 2021

POSTGRADUATE APPLICATION REJECTED

- University of Maryland, Information Studies, 2022
- University of Toronto, Sociology, 2022
- Cornell University, Communication, 2022
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Mass Communications, 2022
- University of Edinburg & Warwick University, Marketing (I prepared all the documents but had to cancel at the last minute for short of funding, and turned to my undergraduate university for a master's degree), 2019

UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION REJECTED

-Renmin University & Fudan University (No I didn't apply after Gaokao. The recruiting staff suggested me to look elsewhere), 2016

-Peking University & Tsinghua University (They didn't accept my independent recruitment application), 2016

CERTIFICATE & QUALIFICATION TEST FAILED

-CATTI National 3rd Level Interpreter, 2019

INTERN JOBS THAT I DIDN'T GET

-ByteDance, User Research Summer Intern (failed at the 2nd interview), 2021

-Tencent, User Research Summer Intern (failed at the 1st interview), 2021

-And tons of others at smaller companies that I don't remember (the position varies from product manager intern to user experience researcher intern), for most of which I didn't even make it to an interview, 2018-2022.

OTHER REJECTIONS

-I got an audition invitation from Happy Planet 3 (快乐星球) in Grade 3, but didn't go eventually because I thought I was a geeky southern country boy that would never make it to a TV star; 2007

-I tried to build a rocket team to make a real rocket in Grade 6 because I was intrigued by Astronomy at that time, yet the hand-sized mental rocket fell down next to my feet after the fire was off; 2010