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This is my CV of failures, inspired by Jia-Bin Huang. In my opinion, I don't know if it would hurt me sometimes but I think updating this failure CV from the initial step of my graduate studies is not a bad idea.

## Degree programs I failed to get into/got into but not enough scholarship

- 2024 **EMJMD in Big Data Management and Analysis (BDMA), Europe**  
Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters offered by Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium), Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (Spain), TU Eindhoven (Netherlands), CentraleSupélec - University Paris-Saclay (France) and University of Padova (Italy). Admission and a partial scholarship.
- MS in Mathematical Engineering, Politecnico di Milano, Italy**  
Admission but no scholarships.
- MS in Computer Science and Engineering, Pohang University of Science and Technology, Korea**  
No admission but have external scholarship (POSCO Asia Fellowship).
- EMJMD in Interdisciplinary Mathematics (InterMaths), Europe**  
Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters offered by University of L'Aquila (Italy), TU Wien (Austria), Hamburg University of Technology (Germany), Autonomous University of Barcelona (Spain), University of Côte d'Azur (France). Admission but no scholarships.
- MS of Applied Sciences and Engineering: Computer Science, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium**  
No admission and scholarships.
- EMJMD in Communications Engineering and Data Science (CoDaS), Europe**  
Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters offered by Aalto University (Finland), Técnico Lisboa (Portugal), Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (Spain), TU Braunschweig (Germany), Grenoble INP-UGA (France). Admission but no scholarships.
- MS in Electrical Engineering, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Korea**  
No admission but have external scholarship (POSCO Asia Fellowship).
- 2023 **MS in Computer Science, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Korea**  
No admission and scholarships.
- EMJMD in Interdisciplinary Mathematics (InterMaths), Europe**  
See description above. Admission and partial tuition fee waiver.
- EMJMD in Artificial Intelligence (EMAI), Europe**  
Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters offered by Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Spain), Sapienza University of Rome (Italy), Radboud University Nijmegen (Netherlands), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia). No admission and scholarships.
- MS in Information Science, Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Japan**  
Passed the lab's interview but no admissions.

## Awards and scholarships I failed to get/got but cannot activate

- 2024 **EMJMD scholarship for BDMA program, Europe**  
#5 on the waitlist for the scholarship (~ #28/1044 applicants), then was promoted to the main list (~ 1300 EUR/month and 8000 EUR/year tuition fee waiver for 2 years) for 2 months, then the program downgraded it and offered the consortium scholarship (1000 EUR/month but no tuition fee waiver for 2 years) and I declined. [Award Letter]
- EMJMD scholarship for InterMaths program, Europe**  
#141 overall ~ #108 on the waitlist (per 1340 applicants).
- Invest Your Talent (Italian Government Scholarship), Italy**  
Applied for the MS program at Politecnico di Milano, was waitlisted.
- Master Mind scholarship, Belgium**  
Applied for the MS program at VUB.
- EMJMD scholarship for CoDaS program, Europe**  
Not waitlisted (out of top 133 per 1643 applicants).
- 2023 **POSCO Asia Fellowship, Korea**  
Got the fellowship (1M KRW/month), but cannot get admission to a top Korean university to activate the funding [Sponsorship Letter].
- EMJMD scholarship for InterMaths program, Europe**  
#39 overall ~ #18 on the waitlist (per 920 applicants). I knew the top #13 waitlisted was promoted but it was still too far. Was also offered 700 EUR/semester tuition fee waiver but declined.

**EMJMD scholarship for EMAI program, *Europe***

I was not waitlisted (out of top 50 per over 600 applicants).

**KAIST scholarship, *Korea***

**MEXT scholarship, *Japan***

## Competitions I failed to gain prizes/compete

2021–2023 **Vietnam National Mathematical Olympiad for Undergraduates, *Vietnam***

Top 5 of the university's Olympiad will compete in the National Olympiad (5 for Linear Algebra, 5 for Calculus). At the university level, I was #5 LA in 2021 but the National Olympiad was canceled due to COVID-19, #6 LA & #7 Calculus in 2022, #5 LA (and then relegated to #6) in 2023 so cannot compete in 2022 and 2023 version.

2019 **Vietnam National Olympiad, *Vietnam***

0.25/40 more to get the consolation prizes.

## Summer Internship applications rejected

Unfortunately, I got some, but I will update after having all the results for the 2025 cycle.

## Papers submission rejected

Will update soon.

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