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## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

#### **Doctor of Philosophy - Cognitive Neuroscience**

Beijing Normal University

September 2019 — July 2024

- Dissertation: Cognitive And Neural Mechanisms Of General Cognitive Abilities: Evidence From Psychometrics And Brain Networks
- Supervised by Prof. Gui Xue

#### **Research Assistant**

Beijing Normal University

August 2017 — August 2019

- Collected and analyzed data from a large-scale longitudinal study of children's cognitive development
- Used structural equation modeling to explore the structure of children's cognitive abilities

#### **Master of Science - Cognitive Neuroscience**

**Beijing Normal University** 

September 2014 — July 2017

- Thesis: The Structure and Development Trajectory of Children's Executive Function
- Graduated as an outstanding graduate of Beijing

#### **Bachelor of Science - Statistics**

**Beijing Normal University** 

September 2009 — July 2013

- Graduated as top 5% of the class
- GPA: 3.7/4.0

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Sheng, J.#, **Zhang, L.**#, Xue, G\*. (In preparation). Shared and individualized representational transformations support episodic memory formation.

**Zhang, L.**, Feng, J., Liu, C., Hu, H., Zhou, Y., Yang, G., Peng, X., Li, T., Chen, C., & Xue, G. (2024). Improved estimation of general cognitive ability and its neural correlates with a large battery of cognitive tasks. Cerebral Cortex, 34(2), bhad510. https://doi.org/10.1093/cercor/bhad510

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Feng, J., **Zhang, L.**, Chen, C., Sheng, J., Ye, Z., Feng, K., Liu, J., Cai, Y., Zhu, B., Yu, Z., Chen, C., Dong, Q., & Xue, G. (2022). A cognitive neurogenetic approach to uncovering the structure of executive functions. Nature Communications, 13(1), 4588. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-022-32383-0

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## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Zhang, L.**, Xue, G. The neural substrates of general cognitive ability based on multiple cognitive tasks. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, November 2023, Washington, DC. USA.

## **RELEVANT SKILLS**

- Programming: R, Python, MATLAB
- Statistical Analysis: Machine Learning, Structural Equation Modeling, Hierarchical Bayesian Modeling.
- Neuroimaging: fMRI, brain network analysis