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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics. <i>University of California, Berkeley, United States.</i>	2025 - 2031 (expected)
M.A. in Economics. <i>Universidad de la Repùblica, Uruguay.</i>	2020 - 2023
B.A. in Economics. <i>Universidad de la Repùblica, Uruguay.</i>	2015 - 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher in Economics. <i>University of California, Berkeley, United States.</i> Prof. Gabriel Zucman.	2025 - Present
Predoctoral Fellow in Economics. <i>University of Zurich, Switzerland.</i> Prof. Dina Pomeranz, Dave Donaldson, Monica Singhal, Paul Carrillo, Juan Carlos Suárez-Serrato and Gabriel Zucman.	2022 - 2025
Visiting Researcher in Economics. <i>Tilburg University, Netherlands.</i> Prof. Patricio Dalton and Elena Cettolin.	2022
Research Assistant in Economics. <i>Universidad de la Repùblica, Uruguay.</i> Prof. Andrea Vigorito, Martin Leites and Gonzalo Salas.	2020 - 2022

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Working papers

“Welfare stigma after take-up: Evidence from public cash transfers in Uruguay” (2023). Serie Documentos de Trabajo, DT 14/2023. Instituto de Economía. (In the media: [El País](#), [El Observador](#), [Infobae](#) and [FCEA live webcast](#)).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant. <i>Department of Economics, University of Zurich, Switzerland.</i>	2023 - 2024
Global Policy Analysis: Poverty, Development, Growth (Spring 2023 and 2024, Summer 2024).	
Teaching Assistant. <i>Department of Economics, Universidad de la Repùblica, Uruguay.</i>	2021 - 2022
Game Theory (Fall 2022); Introduction to Scientific Work (Fall 2021).	
Student Tutor. <i>Teaching Support Unit, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas, Uruguay.</i>	2018
Introduction to Microeconomics and Introduction to Calculus for an incarcerated student (Fall and Winter, 2018).	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Economics Consultant. <i>United Nations Development Programme, Uruguay.</i>	2019 - 2020
Data Analyst. <i>Facultad de Ciencias Económicas, Uruguay.</i>	2017 - 2019

AWARDS AND HONORS

Research awards

First Place: Best Master’s Thesis “Daniel Vaz” Award (Society of Economists of Uruguay (SEU), 2023).
Award to the Best Master’s Theses of the Year (Department of Economics, Universidad de la Repùblica, 2023).
Special Mention: Best Contribution of Young Researchers (Network of Inequality and Poverty Conference, 2020).

Scholarships

[Academic Exchange Program](#) (Universidad de la Repùblica, 2022). [Conference and Summer School Scholarship](#) (Human Development & Capability Association, 2022). [Student Mobility Scholarship](#) (Universidad de la Repùblica, 2022). [Postgraduate Studies Research Scholarship](#) (Universidad de la Repùblica, 2021-2022). [Research Initiation Fellowship](#) (Universidad de la Repùblica, 2020-2021). [Full-time Student Scholarship](#) (Universidad de la Repùblica, 2020-2021).

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING

Mentor Management Leader. *Graduate Applications International Network*, Switzerland. 2024 - Present

- Supporting prospective economics graduate students from all countries across Africa apply to graduate programs.
- Leading a team of ~5 volunteers in selecting and managing ~60 academic mentors from the mentoring program.

Member of the Predoc Wellbeing Committee. *University of Zurich*, Switzerland. 2024 - 2025

- Serving as a first contact point for predocs to raise any issues of diverse nature and determine next steps.

Member of the Central Board of Directors. *Universidad de la República*, Uruguay. 2018 - 2020

- Representing (with voting power) students in the Central Board of Directors, helping govern university-wide matters.

Member of the Executive Board. *National Students' Federation*, Uruguay 2018 - 2020

Coordinated executive meetings; represented students in governing bodies; organized several events and activities.

Member of the Governing Board. *Facultad de Ciencias Económicas*, Uruguay. 2016 - 2018

- Representing (with voting power) students in the School's Governing Board, helping govern school-wide matters.

Member of the Executive Board *Economics Students' Association*, Uruguay 2015 - 2017

Coordinated executive meetings; represented students in governing bodies; organized several events and activities.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

XIV Encuentro Anual de la Sociedad de Economistas del Uruguay, *Universidad de la República* (Montevideo, December 2025). 3rd Gender and Economics Workshop, *University of Luxembourg* (Luxembourg, May 2024). XII Encuentro Anual de la Sociedad de Economistas del Uruguay, *Universidad Católica* (Montevideo, December 2023). Human Development and Capability Association Conference, *University of Antwerp* (Antwerp, September 2022). International Adam Smith Society Conference, *Universidad de los Andes* (Bogota, July 2022). COES Conference, *Centro de Estudios de Conflicto y Cohesión Social* (Santiago de Chile, November 2021). Network of Inequality and Poverty Conference, *Universidad de la República* (Montevideo, October 2020).

MISCELLANEOUS

Languages Spanish (native), English (proficient), French (beginner).

Coding skills Stata (advanced), L^AT_EX (advanced), R (intermediate), Python (beginner), Matlab (beginner).

Affiliations [Society of Economists of Uruguay](#), [Ágora](#).