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EDUCATION

2025 - 2028 (expected)	**Ph.D. in Cognitive Science** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris* Specialisation : Linguistics. Supervisor : Benjamin Spector. Funded by the *Fondation CFM pour la Recherche*.
Jan.-June 2026 (expected)	**Fellow of the Department of Linguistics** *Harvard University* Faculty sponsor : Gennaro Chierchia.
2023 - 2025	**M.S. in Cognitive Science (Cogmaster)** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris* Major : Linguistics. With distinction (graduation GPA 17.5/20, rank 5/65). Thesis : "Plurals under quantification : new experimental perspectives" [lingbuzz]. Student representative on the Pedagogical Council.
2023 - 2024	**1st year of M.A. in Chinese Studies** *École Normale Supérieure, Lyon* Thesis : "Plurality in Mandarin Chinese" [link], graded 18/20.
2022 - 2026 (expected)	**Diploma of École Normale Supérieure de Lyon**
2022 - 2023	**B.A. in Chinese Studies** *École Normale Supérieure, Lyon* Graduated top of my cohort. First student of the institution to complete two bachelor's degrees in the same year.
2022 - 2023	**B.S. in Mathematics** *École Normale Supérieure, Lyon* Final thesis : "Optimal lexicalization" [link], graded 19/20.
2019 - 2022	**Classes préparatoires (MPSI, MP*)** *Lycée Louis le Grand, Paris* Mathematics, physics, computer science. Sophomore research project : "The N-gram model and Shannon entropy applied to natural languages".
2016 - 2019	**Baccalauréat scientifique** *Lycée Louis le Grand, Paris* Graduation GPA 19.4/20. European section (enhanced instruction in English). Student representative on the High School Student Council.

INTERNSHIPS & SUMMER SCHOOLS

Summer 2025	**ESSLLI 2025** *Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany* 36th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information.
Sept. 2024 - June 2025	**Research internship in linguistics** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris* Plurality under quantification, advised by Benjamin Spector.
Summer 2024	**Research internship in linguistics** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris* Inquisitive semantics and psychology of reasoning, advised by Salvador Mascarenhas.
Sept. 2023 - June 2024	**Research internship in linguistics** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris* Plurality in Mandarin, advised by Benjamin Spector.
Summer 2023	**Research internship in math (applied to linguistics)** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris* Optimal lexicalization, advised by Benjamin Spector and Emmanuel Chemla.

PUBLICATIONS

Conference proceedings

2025   **Less is more : a non-verbal approach to anti-exhaustivity [link]**
Rong, C. and Shiyun Dong. Proceedings of the ESSLLI 2025 Student Session.

2025   **Plurals under quantification : a comparison of English and Mandarin [link]**
Rong, C. Proceedings of the ESSLLI 2025 Student Session.

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Peer-reviewed conferences

2025   **Less is more : a non-verbal approach to anti-exhaustivity**
Rong, C. and Shiyun Dong, based on joint work with Benjamin Spector.
Honourable mention (= 2nd place) for Best Talk award. [slides]
ESSLLI 2025 Student Session, Ruhr Universität Bochum.

2025   **Plurals under quantification : a comparison of English and Mandarin** *Rong, C.*
- 11th Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPrag), University of Cambridge [poster].
- 32nd Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP), Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw [slides].
- ESSLLI 2025 Student Session, Ruhr Universität Bochum [poster].

2024, 2025   **Strong and weak plurality in Mandarin Chinese and typicality effects** *Rong, C.*
- 8th Forum on Cantonese Linguistics (FoCaL), University of Hong Kong, hybrid format [talk].
- 33rd Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE), University of Göttingen [poster].
- 9th Asian Junior Linguists Conference, International Christian University, Tokyo, hybrid format [talk].

Seminar talks

2026   **Plurals under quantification : new experimental perspectives** *Rong, C.*
LINGUAE seminar, Institut Jean Nicod, École Normale Supérieure, Paris.

2024   **Sémantique du pluriel en chinois mandarin [in French]** *Rong, C.*
Cross-disciplinary seminar *Visages de la Chine*, École Normale Supérieure, Paris.

TEACHING & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2022 - 2025   **Chinese and French tutor** *"Top Chinois" language school*
Individual tutoring : Chinese for French students, French for Chinese students.
Teaching assistant for advanced classes in Chinese.

March 2025   **Volunteer – 2025 Cognitive Science Forum** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris*
Annual one-day public event dedicated to promoting cognitive science.

Fall 2023   **Volunteer – teaching the Student's Math Club** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris*
Designed and taught high school- and undergraduate-level calculus courses to cognitive science students who have had limited math experience since high school.

AWARDS

2025   **Excellence scholarship** *Association des Lauréats du Concours Général & Rotary Club*

3000€ scholarship awarded to an outstanding early-career laureate of Concours Général.

2025	**Jean-Pierre Aguilar Fellowship** *Fondation CFM pour la Recherche* Full Ph.D. fellowship (3 years) awarded on a competitive basis to outstanding scientific research projects in France.
2025	**Honourable mention for best student presentation** *ESSLLI* 2nd best student talk, for the presentation "Less is more : a non-verbal approach to anti-exhaustivity", joint with Shiyun Dong.
2025	**ESSLLI full fellowship** *ESSLLI & Ruhr Universität Bochum* Merit-based fellowship to attend ESSLLI 2025.
2023	**3rd place in Ancient Greek translation** *CICERO Competition*
2020	**1st place in group project** *Shanghai International Summer School* "Autonomous Intelligence beyond Data Science", Shanghai Jiao Tong University.
2019	**5th place in Latin translation** *CICERO Competition*
2019	**1st place in Chinese composition** *Concours Général des Lycées* One of the most competitive national academic competitions for high school students in France. I am the first and only recipient of Concours Général awards in both Chinese and another language, and also the only student from the science track nation-wide to receive multiple awards across 2018 and 2019.
2018	**2nd place in Ancient Greek translation** *Concours Général des Lycées*
2018	**8th place in Latin translation** *Concours Général des Lycées*
2017	**1st place** *Franco-Chinese Mathematics Competition*

SKILLS

Languages

Native	Mandarin, French	**Reading**	Latin, Ancient Greek, Classical Chinese
Fluent	English (TOEFL 112/120), Cantonese	**Basics**	Portuguese, Russian, Yiddish, Standard Arabic
Intermediate	German		

Technical

Programming	Python, R, OCaml, JavaScript, HTML, CSS
Tools	LaTeX, PsychoPy, Eyelink, ELAN, XML/TEI

Music

Violin	Played for 15 years, ongoing regular performances. I am an advanced amateur violinist, having participated in highest conservatory-level orchestras (DEM-level in the French system) for many years, including as concertmaster. Trained in two elite amateur orchestras, respectively affiliated with the French National Orchestra and the Paris Philharmonic.
Piano	Played for 10+ years, ongoing occasional performances.
Choir	Participated for 10+ years.