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## Biography

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Rubén Hernández-Murillo is currently a senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He received a MA and a PhD in economics from the University of Rochester in 1998 and 2001, respectively, and a BA in economics from ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México) in 1995. His research interests include Public Finance, Public Economics, Real Estate Economics, Regional and Urban Economics, Industrial Organization, and Political Economy.

## Education

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2001	PhD in Economics. University of Rochester.
1998	MA in Economics. University of Rochester.
1995	BA in Economics <i>summa cum laude</i> . ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México).

## Appointments Held

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### Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

2005–Present	Senior economist.
2000–2005	Economist.

### Washington University in St. Louis

2013 (summer)	Adjunct Lecturer. Olin Business School.
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### ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México)

2002 (spring)	Visiting assistant professor. CIE (Centro de Investigación Económica).
1994–1995	Research assistant. CAIE (Centro de Investigación y Análisis Económico).
1994	Instructor: Intermediate Microeconomics.
1993	Research assistant. Department of Economics.

### University of Rochester

1999, 2000	Research assistant to professor Per Krusell.
1998, 1999	Instructor: Intermediate Microeconomics.

## Areas of Interest

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Public Finance, Public Economics, Real Estate Economics, Regional and Urban Economics, Industrial Organization, and Political Economy.

## Writings and Publications

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### Working Papers

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