

# Muhammad Bashir

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## EDUCATION

### University of California, Berkeley

- PhD Economics

Aug 2024 –

### University of Manchester

- MSc Economics with *Distinction and John Stewart Prize* Sep 2021 – Sep 2022
  - Awarded John Stewart Prize for outstanding performance in three Econometrics courses in the MSc Economics class of more than 150 students.

### Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan

### School of Science and Engineering-Department of Mathematics

- BS in Economics and Mathematics (Joint) with *high distinction* Aug 2017 – Jun 2021

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Public Economics, Macroeconomics, State Capacity, Industrial Organization

## WORKING PAPERS

- [Size-Based Policies and Firm Growth: Evidence from Pakistan](#) with [Zehra Farooq](#)(Tulane), [Usama Jamal](#)(Manchester) and [Mazhar Waseem](#)(Manchester, CEPR, IFS)
- [Intended and Unintended Consequences of Anti-avoidance Rules: Evidence from Uganda](#) with Usama Jamal (Manchester), Kyle McNabb (ODI) and Mazhar Waseem (CEPR, IFS, Manchester)

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- [UNU-Wider Analysis on firms and taxation using micro data from Uganda](#) grant for project "Intended and Unintended Consequences of Anti-avoidance Rules: Evidence from Uganda" joint with Usama Jamal, Kyle McNabb and Mazhar Waseem  
Sep 2022 - Dec 2023, \$10,000
- ICTD grant for project "Intended and Unintended Consequences of Anti-avoidance Rules: Evidence from Uganda" joint with Usama Jamal, Kyle McNabb and Mazhar Waseem  
Jan 2024 - Jan 2026, £25,000
- IGC grant for project "Intended and Unintended Consequences of Anti-avoidance Rules: Evidence from Uganda" joint with Usama Jamal, Kyle McNabb and Mazhar Waseem  
Jan 2024 - Jan 2026, £29,000

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Columbia University in City of New York

### Staff Associate I/ Predoctoral Research Fellow in Economics

Sep 2022 - Jul 2024

- I worked for Professors [Michael Carlos Best](#) and [Jack J. Willis](#) in Department of Economics. Most of my work was in Public Finance and Development Economics.

## HONORS & AWARDS

- December 2022: John Stewart Prize for Econometrics for outstanding performance in Econometrics modules of MSc Economics program by the University of Manchester.
- September 2022: Weiss Fund for Development Economics Kabir Banerjee Predoctoral Fellowship Finalist at University of Chicago
- September 2021: School of Social Sciences Scholarship for MSc Economics, University of Manchester, tuition waiver and £15600 stipend
- 2020: Participated in Annual South Asian Economics Students Meet
- 2018 AFINITI Limited Scholarship awarded to outstanding Mathematics student at LUMS
- 2017: National Outreach Program Scholarship at LUMS, Lahore(PKR 4.1 Million)

## LANGUAGES

- English(Fluent), Punjabi (native)