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## EDUCATION

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**Bachelor of Economics**, Universidad del Pacífico

Expected 2026

Top 10% of class (2024)

Relevant Coursework: Econometrics I & II, Impact Evaluation, Causal Inference and Machine Learning

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Applied Microeconomics, Behavioral Economics, Impact Evaluation, Development Economics, Causal Inference, Education, Health, Poverty

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Research Assistant

Sept 2024 - Dec 2025

Centro de Investigación de la Universidad del Pacífico (CIUP)

*Lima, Peru*

- Conducted diagnostic analysis of university teaching careers in Peru and contributed to the design of a compensation determination model for public university faculty under Professor Pablo Lavado.
- Supported impact evaluation of the Emergency Bonus implemented by the Dominican Republic Government following Hurricane Fiona (2022) using causal inference methods.
- Estimated return on investment in public health through cost-benefit analysis applied to overweight, obesity, and comorbidity treatment programs.
- Contributed to theory of change development and district prioritization using early childhood development indicators for Peru Sostenible's "Juntos por las Personas" intervention.
- Produced technical reports and presentations on labor informality, business competitiveness, and labor market dynamics.

### Research Intern

Jan 2025 - Mar 2025

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

*Rome, Italy*

- Upcoming internship in the Research Department.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching Assistant - Econometrics I

2025-II

Universidad del Pacífico

*Lima, Peru*

- Assisted students with econometric concepts, problem sets, and statistical software applications.

## RESEARCH

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**The effect of parental death on early childhood education: evidence from the Peruvian case.** Victor Lau, Mauricio Chumbiauca; 2025 (Undergraduate Research Project). *Examined the impact of parental death on Peruvian children's educational outcomes (enrollment, study time, education expenditure) using Callaway and Sant'Anna's staggered difference-in-differences methodology. Found significant negative effects, with evidence suggesting household discrimination rather than wealth constraints or educational return expectations as the primary mechanism.*

## SKILLS

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### Programming Languages

Python, Stata, R, Julia

### Software

Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel with VBA)

### Languages

Spanish (Native), English (Advanced)

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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**Tutor**  
ONG Creeré Perú

Aug 2024 - Oct 2024  
*Lima, Peru*

- Provided academic support in mathematics, communication, and English to children and adolescents in Torres de Minas 2000, San Juan de Miraflores.

**Volunteer**  
Hogar Betania

Jan 2025 - Feb 2025  
*Lima, Peru*

- Organized recreational activities for elderly residents at a care center.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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**Member**  
Acción Sostenible - Universidad del Pacífico

Aug 2024 - Dec 2024  
*Lima, Peru*

- Supported fundraising activity design and collaborated on organizational budget management.