

# Zhizhong “ZZ” Pu

---

Harvard Business School  
Baker Library 280  
Boston, MA 02163

[zhizhongpu.github.io](https://zhizhongpu.github.io)  
[zpu@hbs.edu](mailto:zpu@hbs.edu)  
(617) 384-0647

## Education

2020–2024, B.A. in Economics, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, [Middlebury College](#)  
2022, Visiting Undergraduate Student, [Harvard College](#)  
2017–2019, IBDP, [United World College](#) Thailand

## Working Papers

“Labor Market Implications of Grade Inflation”, with Martin Abel and Jeffrey Carpenter  
“Should Universities Smooth Faculty Hiring? Theory and Evidence” (Dec 2025) [[Draft](#)]  
“Human Capital Response to Import Competition”

## Work in Progress

“Solutions to Bruce Hansen’s *Econometrics*” [[Repository](#)]

## Research Assistant Experiences

2024–2026, Pre-doctoral Research Associate (Jesse Shapiro Lab), Harvard University  
2025, Research Assistant (Christopher Campos)  
2022, Research Assistant (Paul Gompers), Harvard University  
2022, Research Assistant (Melissa Dell), Harvard University  
2021–2022, Research Assistant (Akhil Rao), Middlebury College

## Honors, Awards, Fellowships, and Scholarships

Christian A. Johnson Prize in Economics, Middlebury College	2024
College Scholar, Middlebury College	2020–2024
PRIMO Fellowship, Harvard University	2022
Davis UWC Scholarship, Middlebury College	2020
Semester at Sea Davis Scholarship, Institute of Shipboard Education	2019

## Teaching Assistant Experiences

2021, Positive Psychology, Catherine Sanderson, Amherst College LAISS  
2019, The French Revolution, Ellen Boucher, Amherst College LAISS

## Professional Service

Student Advisory Council Member, Middlebury College Economics Department (2022–2023)

## Additional Information

Languages: English, Chinese  
Programming: R, Python, Stata

Last updated: December 2025