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Current Appointment

Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of Economics Academic Sinica, 2026-present

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Rochester, 2020-2026

M.A. Economics, National Taiwan University, 2018-2020

B.A. Economics, National Taiwan University, 2012-2016

Research Interests

Macroeconomics, International Economics, Innovation

Research

Working Paper

"Venture Capital Contracts and Heterogeneous Innovation" (Job Market Paper)

Award: Tapan Mitra Prize (U of Rochester), Conibear Prize (U of Rochester)

"Land Property Rights Reforms and Agricultural Productivity", with Yan Bai, Chong Liu, and Wei Wang

"Sovereign Default and the Disruption of Knowledge Diffusion"

"Financial Constraint, R&D, and Inequality", with Yi-Chan Tsai

Working in Progress

"Startup Innovation Strategy with Idea Market"

Conferences Presentations & Workshops

2026: WEAI (Denver), AMES (Hanoi)

2025: Macro Workshop (Rochester), Dissertation Fellow Workshop (St. Louis Fed)

2024: Economic Graduate Student Conference (WashU in St. Louis), Comparative Analysis of Enterprise Data Conference (Penn State), Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society (Ho Chi Min), Taiwan Economics Research (Taipei)

2023: WEAI[†] (Seattle)

[†] Presented by co-author.

Honors, Scholarships and Fellowships

External Fellowships / Awards

Ph.D. Dissertation Fellowship, St. Louis Fed, 2025

Taiwanese Overseas Pioneers Grants, NSTC, 2025-2026

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation, 2025-2026

Academic Excellence Award, National Taiwan University, 2014

U of Rochester

Dean's Post-Field Research Dissertation Fellowship, 2025-2026

Tapan Mitra Prizes (Best fifth year paper), 2025

Graduate Fellowship and Tuition Scholarship, 2020-2025

Winston W. Chang Graduate Economic Fellowship, 2023, 2024

Conibear Memorial Prize (Best third year paper), 2023

Program in Empirical Policy Research Grant, 2022, 2023

Norman M. Kaplan Memorial Prize, 2022

Research Experience

Research Assistant:

Prof. Yan Bai, 2022-24

Prof. Hamid Firooz, 2022-23

Prof. Bin Chen, 2021-22

Teaching

Instructor: Econometrics (2023 Summer and 2024 Summer)

Teaching Assistant:

Macroeconomics Theory (Ph.D. core, 2024 Spring)

Intermediate Macroeconomics (2022 Spring-2023 Fall)

Professional Experience

Equity Sales Trader, Cathay Securities Corporation, 2016-2018

Skills

Language: Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent)

Computing: Julia, Python, Matlab, Stata

References

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