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EDUCATION

2012 – 2016	B.A., summa cum laude, Department of Economics, Peking University
2016 – 2021（expected）	Doctoral student, CCER, Peking University
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AWARDS

CSC Scholarship	2018
ICBC Scholarship	2017
Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Beijing	2016
Merit Scholarship, Peking University	2015
Honorable Mention, 2014 Mathematical Contest in Modeling	2014
Outstanding Social Work Award, Peking University	2013

RESEARCH

Venture Capital in China

- Venture capital dataset construction
  Combine the administrative data from State Administration of Industry and Commerce (SAIC) and Asset Management Association of China (AMAC) and commercial databases to construct the most comprehensive venture capital dataset with best coverage in China.
- Description of venture capital in China (2000-2018)
  Use the dataset constructed to describe the status quo and history of China venture capital industry.
- Ongoing research projects
  Government-backed venture capital, place-based policy in venture capital, angel investors, venture capital tunneling, social impact of venture capital.

Entrepreneurship in China

- Enterprise Survey for Innovation and Entrepreneurship in China (ESIEC)
  Conducted the national enterprise survey with prof. Xiaobo Zhang. Our sample covers 6,600 entrepreneurs in 60 cities across China. We got rich information about their entrepreneurial experience, enterprise operation, innovation decision and family background.
- Ongoing research projects
  Upgrade from informal sector to formal, social network and entrepreneurship.

Completed Graduate Courses:

- **Peking University**
  Microeconomics
  Macroeconomics
  Econometrics
  Development Economics
  Public Economics
  Industrial Organization
  Innovation and Entrepreneurship
  Empirical Strategy

- **Harvard University**
  ECON 2725: Corporate Finance and Banking

Current Graduate Courses:

- **Harvard University**
  ECON 2727: Empirical Methods in Financial Economics
  HBSDOC 4350: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives on Entrepreneurship: Finance and Economics

As a third year PhD student, my research interests are entrepreneurial finance and entrepreneurship. After spending two years working on the enterprise administrative data and first-hand enterprise survey data in China – the most active entrepreneurial nation in recent years – I would be able to answer some open questions in this field that cannot be answered by current datasets widely used.

To apply for the boot camp, my primary goal is to find the most important and open research questions that can be answered by the Chinese data at hand. The most frontier questions come from nowhere but from within the entrepreneurship research community. NBER Entrepreneurship Research Boot Camp is sure to be one of the best community where professors and peer classmates discuss closely. I really enjoy the discussion with Professor Josh Lerner both in class and in office, but there are sure to be more aha moments from the discussion with dozens of great minds.

Second, I want to have a better command of literature in entrepreneurship. Attending the boot camp provides not only the guide line but also the incentives and best instructions. It not only helps with my research but also serves my long term goal of establishing an entrepreneurship course in China. Now I am studying venture capital in China by constructing a comprehensive dataset combining both administrative data and commercial data. However, my benchmark of venture capital research is based on very limited literature. It is a crucial time for me to explore literature more and try more doable research ideas. After graduation, I plan to find faculty job in Chinese universities and teach what I think really matter: entrepreneurship. Then, the importance of a good command of literature will stand out more.

Third, getting involved in the entrepreneurship research community can give me more confidence and sense of belonging, which is rather important for me. We all believe and know that entrepreneurship economics is going to be one of the core fields in academia given more data available and more theoretical framework established. However, to be honest, entrepreneurship economics nowadays is not as popular as it should be. Researchers are scattered across the world and very few in China. It would be a great chance for me, a beginner from

China in this field, to get involved more in the international community by building more connections with our pioneers so as to stick to the faith and forge ahead.

Last but not least reason is that peer classmates are perfect future coauthors. We gather together out of the common interests in entrepreneurship research and common belief that this field is important. Rarely have a better chance to meet so many excellent future peer coauthors at the same time.

I look forward to the great event in July!