

# Youyang Zhang

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## Education

### Wuhan University, School of Economics and Management

BA in Economics Sept 2021 — Jun 2025

◦ GPA: 3.91/4.00

◦ **Coursework:** Dynamic Optimization (100), Machine Learning (92), Differential Geometry (95), Game Theory (98), Intermediate Macroeconomics (95), Intermediate Econometrics (96).

MA in Economics

Sept 2025 — Jun 2028

### University of California, Los Angeles

Study Abroad Program

Mar 2024 — Jun 2024

## Honors

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| B class, Freshman Scholarship (Top 10% )                     | Dec. 2021 |
| 2nd Prize, National English Competition for College Students | Jun. 2022 |
| Outstanding Student  | Nov. 2022 |
| C class, Scholarship for Outstanding Students (Top 15% )     | Nov. 2022 |
| 2nd Prize, The 14th Chinese Mathematics Competition          | Jan. 2023 |
| 3rd Prize, The 15th Chinese Mathematics Competition          | Dec. 2023 |
| B class, Scholarship for Outstanding Students (Top 10% )     | Nov. 2023 |
| Merit Student  | Nov. 2023 |
| Outstanding Graduate   | Jun. 2025 |

## Working Papers

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| <b>Local Elites, Temples, and Common Property: Empirical Evidence on Rural Public Goods Provision in Late Imperial North China</b> | <i>2025</i> |
| <b>Grandparent Childcare, Labor Supply and Fertility Intention</b>   | <i>2024</i> |
| <b>Technosocialism Revisited: Technology, Competitive Processes, and Innovation</b>  | 2023        |

## Research Experience

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| <b>Research on Land Transactions in Late Qing Anhui</b>  | Aug. 2023 – Present   |
| ◦ Mentor: Professor Kaixiang Peng (WHU)  |                       |
| ◦ Field research in Anhui, China (2023 Summer). Quantitative analysis using data from account books.   |                       |
| <b>Research Assistant</b>  | Dec.2022 – Sep.2023   |
| ◦ To Professor Melanie Meng XUE (LSE)  |                       |
| ◦ European Cultural History/Cultural Economics. Data crawling and analysis with Python and Stata. Character recognition (OCR) and text analysis. |                       |
| <b>Research Assistant</b>  | May. 2022 – Sep. 2022 |
| ◦ Mentor: Professor Sanbao Zhang (WHU)   |                       |
| ◦ Business Environment, Autonomy of General Managers and Technological Innovation of Enterprises in China  |                       |
| <b>Oxford University Summer School</b>   | Aug. 2022             |
| ◦ A+ in <i>Academic English Skills for Research</i> (3 credits)  |                       |
| <b>Undergraduate Innovation and Entrepreneurship Training Program</b>  | Sep. 2022 – Aug. 2023 |
| ◦ Mentor: Professor Hui Hu (WHU)   |                       |
| ◦ The Establishment of Monitoring Reporting Verification (MRV) of Carbon Emission in Hospitality.  |                       |

## Skills

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**Languages:** Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent - CET-6 629/TOEFL 103/IELTS 7.5)

**Programming:** Python, R

**Softwares:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Stata, ArcGIS/QGIS, MATLAB