

# ZIKAI XU

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## EDUCATION

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<b>Columbia University</b> <i>Ph.D. candidate in Economics</i>	Aug 2022 -
<b>Columbia University</b> <i>M.A. in Economics</i>	Aug 2020 - Dec 2021
<b>University of California, Berkeley</b> <i>Berkeley Economics Semester Abroad Program</i>	Aug 2018 - May 2019
<b>Nankai University</b> <i>B.S. in Financial Engineering</i>	Aug 2016 - June 2020

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Columbia University</b> - Working paper: <i>Cheap Talk in Search Markets</i>	Sept 2023 - present
Research Assistant for Prof. Bo Cowgill - Working paper: <i>Multidimensional Screening with Element-Wise Monotone Independence with Bo Cowgill</i>	Sept 2023 - present
Research Assistant for Prof. Navin Kartik - Master Thesis: <i>Observational Learning with Competitive Prices</i>	Sept 2021 - present
<b>Nankai University</b> <i>Honor Thesis: Econometric Analysis of Leverage Effect - Based on CEV Model</i>	Aug 2019 - May 2020

## AWARD

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- <b>Stellar.org Academic Research Grant.</b> \$75K with Bo Cowgill	May 2025
- <b>NET Institute Summer Research Award.</b> with Bo Cowgill	2025
- <b>Columbia-Ethereum Foundation Research Center for Blockchain Protocol Design Fellowship.</b> with Bo Cowgill (PI)	Sept 2025 - Dec 2025

## SKILLS

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<b>Programming:</b>	Matlab, Python, Stata, SAS and Latex
<b>Language:</b>	Chinese Mandarin (native) and English (fluent)