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Research Interests

Development Economics, Economics of Education, and Applied Microeconomics

Education

Cornell University **Ithaca, NY**
Ph.D. Candidate – Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management Expected May 2028
Dissertation: *Essays on Education Policy, Human Capital, and Educational Inequality*
Committee: Michael Lovenheim (Chair), Prabhu Pingali, Sule Alan, Heather Schofield

Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics **Pune, India**
Master of Science in Economics 2019

University of Delhi **Delhi, India**
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Economics 2017

Working Papers

"Does Early Access Matter? Evidence from Early Childhood Affirmative Action in India" 2026
Job Market Paper

"Beyond Admissions: Affirmative Action and Heterogeneous Effort" 2026
with Felipe Macedo Dias

Work in Progress

"Hidden Costs of Race-Neutral Admissions" 2026

Research Appointments

Cornell University 2022–Present
Graduate Research Assistant, Tata Cornell Institute
Advised by: Prabhu Pingali

J-PAL South Asia
Research Associate
Projects led by:
Michael Greenstone (UChicago), Robin Burgess (LSE), Anant Sudarshan (Warwick), Nicholas Ryan (Yale) 2021–2022
Nicholas Hagerty (Montana State), Ariel Zucker (UCSC) 2021
Aprajit Mahajan (UC Berkeley), Shagun Sabarwal (J-PAL) 2020
James Berry (UGeorgia), Maulik Jagnani (Tufts) 2019–2020

Reserve Bank of India 2018
Research Intern

Seminars and Conferences

2025 Development Microeconomics Graduate Research Seminar (Cornell)
2026 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM); Development Microeconomics Graduate Research Seminar (Cornell)

Research Grants

Tata-Cornell Institute

Dissertation Field Project Grant - USD 35,000	2025
Winter Research Assistantship - USD 3,600	2024
Summer Research Assistantship - USD 5,000	2024
Summer Research Assistantship - USD 5,000	2023

Awards and Fellowships

Tata-Cornell Scholar (Tata Cornell Institute) 2022–Present
$45,000 annual assistantship

Junior Research Fellowship (University Grants Commission, India) 2019
Awarded through a national competitive examination; ranked among the top 1% of candidates.

Technical Skills

Programming: Stata, R, Python
Methods: Causal Inference, Program Evaluation, Survey Design, Administrative Data Analysis
Languages: English (Fluent), Hindi (Native)

References

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