Xiangrui Qu

Education

The Chinese University of Hong Kong
PhD in Finance   08/2025-present

Duke University
Master of Arts in Analytical Political Economy   08/2023-12/2024

Peking University
Dual Degree: International Politics; Economics   09/2019-06/2023

University of Hong Kong
Semester exchange   01/2022-05/2022

Selected Research Assistant Experience

Prof. Zhenyu Gao, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Department of Finance   05/2024-07/2025
- Collected data from Bloomberg, GemStat, and other sources and built up a database about extreme environmental events and financial markets' responses.
- Collected China's annual government work reports at the provincial and municipal levels. Analyzed the governments' attention on environmental protection and economic growth.

Prof. Yunzhi Hu, UNC-Chapel Hill
Kenan-Flagler Business School   10/2023-4/2024
- Involved in the project that researches the relations between debt maturity and voluntary information disclosure.
- Cleaned and analyzed data, conducted regression analysis, replicated the process with Python and STATA

Prof. Jiangnan Zhu, The University of Hong Kong
Department of Politics and Public Administration   01/2022-06/2023
- Composed a literature review on sensitivity analysis methods and studied their applications in China's corruption research; composed articles on China's financial corruption governance
- Applied machine learning (LDA, STM) and other text analysis methods to analyze the context of anti-corruption in Renmin Daily

Prof. Shuanglin Lin, Peking University
China Center for Public Finance   09/2021-06/2023
- Assisted in compiling *National Wealth*, which consists of a calculation of China's per capita national wealth.
- Collected data on China's foreign exchange reserves, provinces' FDI, areas of nature reserves, grain prices, and other information, calculated and analyzed China's net foreign assets and value of nature reserves individually.

Teaching Experience

Center for Data and Visualization Science, Duke University
Data Intern   02/2024- 12/2024
- Answering questions about statistics, econometrics, and coding for undergraduate and graduate students.

Extracurricular Activity

PKU Jiangxi Culture Association
Chief Director(09/2022-06/2023
- Organized and coordinated events such as festival galas, seminars, career workshops, voluntarily teaching and attracted hundreds of participants;
- Negotiated on sponsorship with commercial companies;

Language and Skills
- Language: Native Chinese speaker; Fluent in English
- Skills: Bloomberg, Python, R, STATA, Latex