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Education

Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan *Apr 2026 –*
Ph.D. in Economics
Advisors: Motohiro Sato, Takashi Oshio, Shinsuke Suzuki, Masayuki Sawada

Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan *Apr 2024 – Mar 2026*
M.A. in Economics
Thesis: *"Testing a Macroeconomic Model of Mental Health: Evidence from Micro-Level Causal Inference"*
Advisors: Motohiro Sato, Takashi Oshio, Shinsuke Suzuki

Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan *Apr 2020 – Mar 2024*
B.A. in Economics, Valedictorian (*Summa Cum Laude*)
Advisors: Motohiro Sato, Takeki Sunakawa

Research Interests

Health Economics, Computational Psychiatry

Academic Positions (Research & Teaching)

Research Assistant:

- QuantEcon *May 2026 –*
- Institute of Economic Research (IER), Hitotsubashi University *Aug 2021 – Mar 2024*
 - Prof. Reiko Gotoh and Prof. Ryo Kambayashi

Teaching Assistant (Hitotsubashi University):

- Intermediate Macroeconomics (Master's level) *Fall 2024*
 - Instructor: Prof. Takashi Kano
 - Grading of assignments and exams / Office hours (student support)

Research

Work in Progress

- An Economic Model of Delusions: A Bayesian Inference Perspective
- Social Epidemiology of Mental Health (joint with Takashi Oshio)

Fellowships, Honors & Awards

(HU stands for Hitotsubashi University.)

JST SPRING Fellowship (“The Bridge to the Future” in HU) (Stipend: JPY 180,000 / month, Research Grant: JPY 300,000 / year)	<i>2026 – Present</i>
Moritani Ikueikai Scholarship (Stipend: JPY 170,000 / month)	<i>2025 – 2026</i>
Valedictorian, HU	<i>2024</i>
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> (President’s Award), HU Economics	<i>2024</i>
President’s Award (for Outstanding Achievement in a Paper Competition), HU	<i>2024</i>
Scholarship for Academic Excellence (Stipend: JPY 80,000 / month), HU	<i>2023 – 2024</i>
President’s Award (for Highest Academic Performance in Economics, 2022), HU	<i>2023</i>

Skills

Programming: Julia, Stata, Python, L^AT_EX

Languages: Japanese (native), English

Tools: Git, Overleaf, VS Code, Claude