

# Kazuma Takakura

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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Maryland</b>	College Park, MD
Ph.D. student, Economics	August 2024 -

<b>University of Tokyo</b>	Tokyo, Japan
M.A., Economics	March 2023
B.A., Economics	March 2021

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Self-Learning at the Right Level, COVID-19 School Closure, and Non-cognitive Abilities**  
(with Mahmud Minhaj, Yasuyuki Sawada, and Mai Seki) 2025, Economics of Education Review

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Still Biased?: A Remaining Classical Selection Problem of RCTs in Education** (with Hikaru Kawarazaki, Mahmud Minhaj, Yasuyuki Sawada, and Mai Seki) 2022, CREPEDP-121

**Rise and Fall of New Technology: Quasi-experimental Evidence from a Developing Country** (with Yasuyuki Sawada and Sachiko Miyata) 2022, CREPEDP-120

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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**Knowledge Spillovers and Strategic Network Formation**

**Productivity and Competition in a Declining Industry** (with Satoshi Imahie, Masahiro Nishida, and Yasutora Watanabe)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>University of Tokyo</b>	Tokyo, Japan
<i>Instructor, Graduate School of Economics</i>	2023

- Math Camp (Optimization Theory)

<i>Teaching Assistant, Graduate School of Economics</i>	2022 – 2023
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- Microeconomics II (Professor Michihiro Kandori, Autumn 2023)
- Foundation of Development Economics (Professor Yasuyuki Sawada, Spring 2021, Autumn 2022)

<i>Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics</i>	2021 – 2024
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- Microeconomics II (Professor Hitoshi Matsushima, Autumn 2022)
- Econometrics I (Professor Ryo Okui, Autumn 2022)
- Development Economics I (Professor Yasuyuki Sawada, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024)

- Development Economics II (Professor Yasuyuki Sawada, Spring 2022)  
*Teaching Assistant, Graduate School of Public Policy* 2022
- Development Economics: Microeconomic Approach (Professor Yoshito Takasaki, Spring 2022)  
*Teaching Assistant, College of Arts and Sciences* 2023
- Modern Economic Theory (Professor Yasutora Watanabe, Spring 2023)

## PRESENTATIONS

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**2024:** Conference on Network Science and Economics, International Industrial Organization Conference, EARIE, Workshop on Networks and Development

**2023:** Asian Society of Agricultural Economists, Summer Workshop on Economic Theory

**2022:** Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society in East and South-East Asia, Japan Economic Association, Asian Economic Development Conference, IRSA International Conference, Japanese Association for Development Economics Young Conference

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, and AWARDS

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ITO Scholarship Awards for Japanese Students, ITO Foundation	2024 – 2026
Research Fellowship for Young Scientists DC1, JSPS	2023 – 2024
World-leading Innovative Graduate Study for Advanced Economics, UTokyo	2022 – 2023