

Kazuma Takakura

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EDUCATION

University of Maryland	College Park, MD
Ph.D. student, Economics	August 2024 -

University of Tokyo	Tokyo, Japan
M.A., Economics	March 2023
B.A., Economics	March 2021

PUBLICATIONS

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

RESEARCH PAPERS

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

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Knowledge Spillovers and Strategic Network Formation

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Tokyo	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

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

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