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EDUCATION

University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI
Ph.D. Student, Higher Education (CSHPE) 2025 – Present

- Supervisor: Dr. Jeremy Wright-Kim
- Research Interests: Financial aid policy; postsecondary–labor market alignment; applied causal inference.

National Chengchi University Taipei, Taiwan
M.A. in Economics 2024

- Thesis: *The Effects of College Selectivity and College Location on Wages: A Matching Approach*

National Chengchi University Taipei, Taiwan
B.Ed. (Minor in Economics); B.A. in Chinese Literature 2021

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Education Policy Initiative (EPI) Predoctoral Fellowship, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan 2026
- Sarri Family Fellowship for Research on Educational Attainment of Youth in Low Income Families, Institute for Social Research (\$6,000), University of Michigan 2026
- Rackham ISR Summer Training Award, University of Michigan 2026
- Teacher Development Scholarship (\$3,200), Ministry of Education, Taiwan 2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan, School of Education Ann Arbor, MI
Graduate Student Research Assistant, Dr. Jeremy Wright-Kim Sep 2025 – Present

- **Project:** Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Evaluation.
- Lead the construction of policy-relevant outcome measures capturing postsecondary–labor market alignment, including supply, demand, and alignment outcomes.
- Develop and test multiple definitions of alignment linking associate degree credentials to high-quality, in-demand occupations using IPEDS, Advance CTE crosswalks, MIT Living Wage thresholds, and Bright Outlook Occupations criteria.

National Academy for Educational Research New Taipei City, Taiwan
Research Assistant Oct 2023 – Jul 2025

- **Projects:** Mental Health, Academic Achievement, and Labor Market Outcomes in Taiwan; Promotion and Improvement of the Yushan Scholars Program.

National Chengchi University Taipei, Taiwan
Research Assistant Jul 2022 – Aug 2023

WORKING PAPERS

- Wright-Kim, J., & Chou, G.-F. (2026). *Are States Producing Graduates for Good Jobs? A Sub-Baccalaureate Alignment Analysis*. Working paper.
- Chou, G.-F. (2026). *Do Neighbors Shape the Sticker Price? Spatial Spillovers in Institutional Cost of Attendance Reporting*. Working paper.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Chou, G.-F. (2024, October). *The impact of positive emotion, positive traits, and institutions on math achievement: A hierarchical linear modeling study*. International Conference on Affective Education, Taipei, Taiwan.
- Chou, G.-F. (2023, December). *Can attending colleges in the Taipei metropolitan area benefit wages?* Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Taiwan Economic Association, New Taipei City, Taiwan.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

National Chengchi University

Taipei, Taiwan

Teaching Assistant

2022 – 2024

- Economics in Everyday Life (Fall 2023); Economics (Spring 2023); Microeconomics (Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

SKILLS

- **Statistical Software:** Stata, R, Python, SPSS.
- **Methods:** Causal inference, panel data analysis, matching estimators, spatial econometrics, multi-level modeling.

AFFILIATIONS

- Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE)
- American Economic Association (AEA)