

# CV of Failures

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## About

This document enumerates a subset of my academic and professional failures. While my personal failures are undeniably vast in scope and probably more fun to read, recalling all of them is simply beyond my ability (another failure). Let us content ourselves with the knowledge, then, that I don't call my parents as often as I should, I have straw-manned opposing points of view, and I take too long in the shower.

I was inspired to write this CV after reading that of [Mike Gelbart](#). The idea was [first proposed](#) by Melanie Stefan, and has been adopted by several others (see [here](#) and [here](#) for a few examples). Success is more visible than failure; this is an attempt to balance the scales.

This document is non-exhaustive, and constantly growing. Feel free to remind me of any failures you have witnessed.

## PhD Rejections

- University of Toronto (2018)
- MIT (2018, 2019)
- University of Cambridge (2020)

N.B. I'm not yet enrolled in a PhD program, so there will be many more rejections in the future.

## Research positions and jobs I did not get

- UC Berkeley, Agriculture Economics (2020)
- Harvard, Economics (2020)
- Northwestern University, Economics (2020)
- Princeton, Economics (2020)
- Columbia, Economics (2020)
- University of Pennsylvania, Economics (2020)
- Chatham House, Institute of International Affairs (2020)
- London School of Economics, Marshall Institute (2020)
- Multiple Groups at the Institute for Theoretical Biology (2019)
  - Theoretical Neuroscience
  - Theoretical Chronobiology
  - Complex Systems
  - Computational Neurophysiology

- ETH Zurich, Computer Science (2018)
- Human Diagnosis Project (2018)
- Max Planck Institute, Computer Science (2017)
- Google, Software Engineer (2016)

## Paper Rejections

- International Conference on Graph Drawing and Network Visualization (2018, 2019)
- Withdrew a paper from STACS 2018, because of an error which contradicted a well-established result.
- Once received a review that read “I couldn’t make it past page 12.” The paper was over 20 pages.

## Grant/Award Rejections

- Wesbrook Scholarship at UBC (2018)
- NSERC CGSM (2019)