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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Texas at Austin</b> , Ph.D. in Economics <i>Fields: Macroeconomics, Industrial Organization</i>	Expected May 2023
<b>University of Texas at Austin</b> , M.S. in Economics	2019
<b>University of Tehran</b> , M.S. in Economics <i>Fields: Banking</i>	2015
<b>Sharif University of Technology</b> , B.S. in Electrical Engineering <i>Fields: Control Engineering</i>	2013

## REFERENCES

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Monetary Economics, Behavioral Macro, Financial Economics, Firm Dynamics

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Attentiveness and the Investment Channel of Monetary Policy” (Job Market Paper)	2022
“Monetary Policy Shocks, Financial Frictions, and Investment”	2020
“Monetary Policy and Corporate Default”	2019

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Inflation Dynamics in GCC Countries (with Charlotte Sandoz) in progress

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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**International Monetary Fund**, *Fund Internship Program* Summer 2022

## SERVICE

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**The Review of Economics and Statistics**, *referee* 2021

## HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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<b>University of Texas Graduate School Fellowship</b>	2017 - 2018
<b>Best Research Award, Iran Parliament Research Center</b>	2017
<b>University Entrance Exams, Iran</b>	
· Ranked 2nd in university entrance exam for Economics Ph.D.	2015
· Ranked 153rd in university entrance exam among 300k students	2009

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>University of Texas at Austin, <i>Teaching Assistant</i></b>	2017 - 2022
· Econometrics I (Ph.D. Course), Economic Statistics, Macroeconomics Theory, Antitrust Law and Economics, Development Problems and Policies in Latin America, Intro to Econometrics, Intro to Microeconomics	
<b>University of Texas at Austin, <i>Assistant Instructor</i></b>	2021
· Introduction to Macroeconomics	
<b>University of Tehran, <i>Teaching Assistant</i></b>	2015 - 2017
· Advanced Microeconomics I (Ph.D.), Microeconomics (Master)	

## SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

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Southern Economic Conference	Scheduled Nov 2022
Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings	Scheduled Nov 2022
MCD Virtual Discussion Forum, International Monetary Fund	Oct 2022

## SKILLS

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**Programs:** R, Matlab, Julia, Python, Stata

**Languages:** English (fluent), Persian (native)

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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**Inattentiveness and the Investment Channel of Monetary Policy** 2022

- How does rational inattention interact with financial frictions? I provide new empirical evidence from survey data that suggests that the answer to this question likely plays an important role in understanding macroeconomic dynamics. In a simple model, I show that financially constrained firms will generally choose to be more attentive to economic conditions, consistent with my empirical evidence. Embedding this mechanism into a DSGE model, I show that the aggregate response of investment to a monetary policy shock hinges on this interaction. The model also predicts that credit-constrained firms ultimately reduce their investment after an expansionary shock, a prediction that I confirm empirically.