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EDUCATION

- 2025 - 2028
(expected) **Ph.D. in Cognitive Science** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris*
Specialisation : Linguistics. Supervisor : Benjamin Spector.
Funded by the *Fondation CFM pour la Recherche*.
- Jan.-June 2026
(expected) **Fellow of the Department of Linguistics** *Harvard University*
Faculty sponsor : Gennaro Chierchia.
- 2023 - 2025 **M.S. in Cognitive Science (Cogmaster)** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris*
Major : Linguistics. With distinction (graduation GPA 17.5/20, rank 5/65).
Thesis : “Plurals under quantification : new experimental perspectives” [lingbuzz].
Student representative on the Pedagogical Council.
- 2023 - 2024 **1st year of M.A. in Chinese Studies** *École Normale Supérieure, Lyon*
Thesis : “Plurality in Mandarin Chinese” [link], graded 18/20.
- 2022 - 2026
(expected) **Diploma of École Normale Supérieure de Lyon**
- 2022 - 2023 **B.A. in Chinese Studies** *École Normale Supérieure, Lyon*
Graduated top of my cohort.
First student of the institution to complete two bachelor’s degrees in the same year.
- 2022 - 2023 **B.S. in Mathematics** *École Normale Supérieure, Lyon*
Final thesis : “Optimal lexicalization” [link], graded 19/20.
- 2019 - 2022 **Classes préparatoires (MPSI, MP*)** *Lycée Louis le Grand, Paris*
Mathematics, physics, computer science. Sophomore research project : “The N-gram model and Shannon entropy applied to natural languages”.
- 2016 - 2019 **Baccalauréat scientifique** *Lycée Louis le Grand, Paris*
Graduation GPA 19.4/20. European section (enhanced instruction in English).
Student representative on the High School Student Council.

INTERNSHIPS & SUMMER SCHOOLS

- Summer 2025 **ESSLLI 2025** *Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany*
36th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information.
- Sept. 2024
- June 2025 **Research internship in linguistics** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris*
Plurality under quantification, advised by Benjamin Spector.
- Summer 2024 **Research internship in linguistics** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris*
Inquisitive semantics and psychology of reasoning, advised by Salvador Mascarenhas.
- Sept. 2023
- June 2024 **Research internship in linguistics** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris*
Plurality in Mandarin, advised by Benjamin Spector.
- Summer 2023 **Research internship in math (applied to linguistics)** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris*
Optimal lexicalization, advised by Benjamin Spector and Emmanuel Chemla.

PUBLICATIONS

Conference proceedings

- 2025 **Less is more : a non-verbal approach to anti-exhaustivity** [\[link\]](#)
Rong, C. and Shiyun Dong. Proceedings of the ESSLLI 2025 Student Session.
- 2025 **Plurals under quantification : a comparison of English and Mandarin** [\[link\]](#)
Rong, C. Proceedings of the ESSLLI 2025 Student Session.

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks

- 2026 **Plurals under quantification : new experimental perspectives**
- Nihil seminar, Institute for Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC), Amsterdam.
- LINGUAE seminar, Institut Jean Nicod, École Normale Supérieure, Paris.

Peer-reviewed conferences

- 2026 (*upcoming*) **An impossibility theorem of aggregating semantic rankings under non-monotonic quantification**
5th International Conference on Pragmatics and Philosophy (**Pragmasophia**), University of Messina, hybrid format [talk].
- 2025 **Less is more : a non-verbal approach to anti-exhaustivity**
With Shiyun Dong, based on joint work with Benjamin Spector.
Honourable mention (= 2nd place) for Best Talk award. [slides]
ESSLLI 2025 Student Session, Ruhr Universität Bochum.
- 2025 **Plurals under quantification : a comparison of English and Mandarin**
- 11th Experimental Pragmatics Conference (**XPrag**), University of Cambridge [poster].
- 32nd Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (**ESPP**), Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw [slides].
- **ESSLLI 2025 Student Session**, Ruhr Universität Bochum [poster].
- 2024, 2025 **Strong and weak plurality in Mandarin Chinese and typicality effects**
- 8th Forum on Cantonese Linguistics (**FoCaL**), University of Hong Kong, hybrid format [talk].
- 33rd Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (**ConSOLE**), University of Göttingen [poster].
- 9th Asian Junior Linguists Conference (**AJL**), International Christian University, Tokyo, hybrid format [talk].

Other talks

- 2026 **An impossibility theorem of aggregating semantic rankings under non-monotonic quantification**
4th Graduate Student Workshop, Department of Linguistics, Harvard University.
- 2024 **Sémantique du pluriel en chinois mandarin [in French]**
Cross-disciplinary seminar *Visages de la Chine*, École Normale Supérieure, Paris.

TEACHING & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- 2022 - 2025 **Chinese and French tutor** “*Top Chinois*” language school

- Individual tutoring : Chinese for French students, French for Chinese students.
Teaching assistant for advanced classes in Chinese.
- March 2025 **Volunteer – 2025 Cognitive Science Forum** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris*
Annual one-day public event dedicated to promoting cognitive science.
- Fall 2023 **Volunteer – teaching the Student’s Math Club** *École Normale Supérieure, Paris*
Designed and taught high school- and undergraduate-level calculus courses to cognitive science students who have had limited math experience since high school.

AWARDS

- 2025 **Excellence scholarship** *Association des Lauréats du Concours Général & Rotary Club*
3000€ scholarship awarded to an outstanding early-career laureate of Concours Général.
- 2025 **Jean-Pierre Aguilar Fellowship** *Fondation CFM pour la Recherche*
Full Ph.D. fellowship (3 years) awarded on a competitive basis to outstanding scientific research projects in France.
- 2025 **Honourable mention for best student presentation** *ESSLLI*
2nd best student talk, for the presentation “Less is more : a non-verbal approach to anti-exhaustivity”, joint with Shiyun Dong.
- 2025 **ESSLLI full fellowship** *ESSLLI & Ruhr Universität Bochum*
Merit-based fellowship to attend ESSLLI 2025.
- 2023 **3rd place in Ancient Greek translation** *CICERO Competition*
A national classics translation competition in France.
- 2020 **1st place in group project** *Shanghai International Summer School*
“Autonomous Intelligence beyond Data Science”, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.
- 2019 **5th place in Latin translation** *CICERO Competition*
- 2019 **1st place in Chinese composition** *Concours Général des Lycées*
One of the most competitive national academic competitions for high school students in France. I am the first and only recipient of Concours Général awards in both Chinese and another language, and also the only student from the science track nation-wide to receive multiple awards across 2018 and 2019.
- 2018 **2nd place in Ancient Greek translation** *Concours Général des Lycées*
- 2018 **8th place in Latin translation** *Concours Général des Lycées*
- 2017 **1st place** *Franco-Chinese Mathematics Competition*

SKILLS

Languages

Native	Mandarin, French	Reading	Latin, Ancient Greek, Classical Chinese
Fluent	English (TOEFL 112/120), Cantonese	Basics	Portuguese, Russian, Yiddish, Standard Arabic
Intermediate	German		

Technical

Programming	Python, R, OCaml, JavaScript, HTML, CSS
Tools	L ^A T _E X, PsychoPy, Eyelink, ELAN, XML/TEI

Music

- Violin Played for 15 years, ongoing regular performances. I am an advanced amateur violinist, having participated in highest conservatory-level orchestras (DEM-level in the French system) for many years, including as concertmaster.
- Harvard Bach Society Orchestra
 - Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra
 - Viva l'Orchestra (amateur orchestra affiliated with and trained by the French National Orchestra)
 - Orchestre des amateurs de la Philharmonie de Paris
 - Orchestre les Déconcertants
 - Orchestre du Bal des Parisiennes 2024
 - Orchestre Symphonique des Grandes Écoles de Lyon
 - Orchestre et Chœur des Universités de Paris
- Piano Played for 10+ years, ongoing occasional performances.
- Choir Participated for 10+ years.