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EDUCATION

2025 - 2028 (expected)	Ph.D. in Cognitive Science <i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i> Specialisation : Linguistics. Supervisor : Benjamin Spector. Funded by the <i>Fondation CFM pour la Recherche</i> .
2023 - 2025	M.S. in Cognitive Science (Cogmaster) <i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i> 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 <i>École Normale Supérieure, Lyon</i> Thesis : “Plurality in Mandarin Chinese” [link], graded 18/20.
2022 - 2023	B.A. in Chinese Studies <i>École Normale Supérieure, Lyon</i> 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 <i>École Normale Supérieure, Lyon</i> Final thesis : “Optimal lexicalization” [link], graded 19/20.
2019 - 2022	Classes préparatoires (MPSI, MP*) <i>Lycée Louis le Grand, Paris</i> Mathematics, physics, computer science. Sophomore research project : “The N-gram model and Shannon entropy applied to natural languages”.
2016 - 2019	Baccalauréat scientifique <i>Lycée Louis le Grand, Paris</i> 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 <i>Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany</i> . 36 th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information.
Sept. 2024 - June 2025	Research internship in linguistics <i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i> Plurality under quantification, advised by Benjamin Spector.
Summer 2024	Research internship in linguistics <i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i> Inquisitive semantics and psychology of reasoning, advised by Salvador Mascarenhas.
Sept. 2023 - June 2024	Research internship in linguistics <i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i> Plurality in Mandarin, advised by Benjamin Spector.
Summer 2023	Research internship in math (applied to linguistics) <i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i> Optimal lexicalization, advised by Benjamin Spector and Emmanuel Chemla.

CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS

Peer-reviewed presentations

Sep. 2025	Plurals under quantification : a comparison of English and Mandarin [poster] <i>Rong, C.</i> 11 th Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPrag). University of Cambridge, UK.
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Sep. 2025	Plurality in Mandarin Chinese and typicality effects [talk] <i>Rong, C.</i> 32 nd Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP). Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw. [slides]
August 2025	Less is more : a non-verbal approach to anti-exhaustivity [talk] <i>Rong, C. and Shiyun Dong, based on joint work with Benjamin Spector.</i> Honourable mention (= 2 nd place) for Best Talk award. [slides][pre-proceedings paper] Student Session of the 36 th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI). Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany.
August 2025	Plurals under quantification : a comparison of English and Mandarin [poster] <i>Rong, C.</i> Student Session of the 36 th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI). Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany.
June 2025	Plurals under quantification : new experimental perspectives [talk] <i>Rong, C.</i> 8 th Forum on Cantonese Linguistics (FoCaL). University of Hong Kong, hybrid format.
January 2025	Strong and weak plurality in Mandarin Chinese and typicality effects [poster] <i>Rong, C.</i> 33 rd Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE). University of Göttingen, Germany.
December 2024	Number marking in Mandarin Chinese and typicality effects [talk] <i>Rong, C.</i> 9 th Asian Junior Linguists Conference. International Christian University, Tokyo, hybrid format.

Other presentations

May 2024	Sémantique du pluriel en chinois mandarin [talk, in French] <i>Rong, C.</i> Cross-disciplinary seminar <i>Visages de la Chine</i> . École Normale Supérieure, Paris
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TEACHING & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2022 - 2025	Chinese and French tutor “ <i>Top Chinois</i> ” 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 <i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i> Annual one-day public event dedicated to promoting cognitive science.
Fall 2023	Volunteer – teaching the Student’s Math Club <i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i> 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 - 2028	Jean-Pierre Aguilar Fellowship <i>Fondation CFM pour la Recherche</i> Full Ph.D. fellowship awarded on a competitive basis to outstanding scientific research projects in France.
2025	Honourable mention for best student presentation <i>ESSLLI</i> 2 nd best student talk, for the presentation “Less is more : a non-verbal approach to anti-exhaustivity”, joint with Shiyun Dong.
2025	ESSLLI full fellowship <i>ESSLLI & Ruhr Universität Bochum</i> Merit-based fellowship to attend the 2025 edition of ESSLLI.
2023	3rd place in Ancient Greek translation <i>CICERO Competition</i> A national classics translation competition in France.

2020	1st place in group project <i>Shanghai International Summer School</i> “Autonomous Intelligence beyond Data Science”, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.
2019	5th place in Latin translation <i>CICERO Competition</i>
2019	1st place in Chinese composition <i>Concours Général des Lycées</i> 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 <i>Concours Général des Lycées</i>
2018	8th place in Latin translation <i>Concours Général des Lycées</i>
2017	1st place <i>Franco-Chinese Mathematics Competition</i>

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. Trained in two elite amateur orchestras, respectively affiliated with the French National Orchestra and the Paris Philharmonic.
Piano	Played for 10+ years, ongoing occasional performances.
Choir	Participated for 10+ years.