Nicolás Suárez Chavarría

Education

- 2019 Present Stanford University, Ph.D. Candidate in Economics
 - 2019 2021 Stanford University, M.A. in Economics
 - 2017 2018 University of Chile, M.Sc. in Economics, Graduated with the highest honors
 - 2012 2016 University of Chile, B.Sc. in Economics, Graduated with the highest honors

Published Papers

2019 Inequality in Social Capital in Chile: Assessing the Importance of Network Size and Contacts' Occupational Prestige on Status Attainment Process, With Dante Contreras, Juan Díaz and Gabriel Otero, Social Networks, Volume 58, July 2019, pages 59-77

Working Papers

- 2024 A New Perspective on Spatial Heterogeneity in African Development (JMP), With Pascaline Dupas and Zhongyi Tang
- 2021 Classroom Composition and Network Effects: Evidence from a College Special Admission Program in Chile
- 2018 The Impact of Commuting Time over Educational Achievement: A Machine Learning Approach, With Dante Contreras, Daniel Hojman, Patricio Rodríguez and Manuel Matas, Working document number 472, Department of Economics, University of Chile

Work in Progress

- 2024 Non-linear Effects of Air Pollution on Health Outcomes: Evidence from Mexico City, With Bridget Hoffmann and Juan Pablo Rud
- 2022 Predicting Asset Ownership in Africa Using Satellite Imagery, With Othman Bensouda and Edoardo Yin, Stanford CS229 Class Project, Code available here •
- 2021 Predicting Ground-Level Ozone Concentration from Urban Satellite and Street-Level Imagery using Multimodal CNN, With Andrea Vallebueno and Nina Prakash, Stanford CS230 Class Project, selected as an outstanding project for the winter 2021 quarter, Code available here
- 2021 Optimized Regression Discontinuity Application: The Effect of National Institutions Over Local Development, Code available here

Other Projects

- 2023 Generalized 2SLS Implementation in Stata, Code available here 🔾
- 2021 Tutorial: Landsat-8 Image Download and visualization Using Google Earth Engine and Python, Code available here •

Professional and Research Experience

- June 2024- PhD Intern, NERA Economic Consulting, San Francisco, CA
- Aug. 2024 Worked within the Antitrust and Competition Practice on class participation and labor cases.
 - Helped with expert reports, summarized legal documents, formulated econometric strategies, and managed junior researchers.
- June 2023- **Economic and Geospatial Senior Analyst Consultant**, *Consultant for Bridget Hoffmann*, Inter-American Aug. 2023 Development Bank
 - Produced spatial dataset of pollution in Mexico City, efficiently managing a dataset containing more than 170 million observations of hourly pollution over a span of 30 years.
 - Merged pollution data with mortality, hospitalizations, and urgent care visits data.
 - Implemented instrumental variables design to investigate the causal effect of air pollution over respiratory health outcomes.
- June 2020- Graduate Research Assistant, Prof. Pascaline Dupas, Stanford University
- Aug. 2023 Used satellite imagery and convolutional neural networks to make infrastructure access predictions for Africa.
 - Built a gridded map of Africa with pixel level predictions of access to infrastructure, population density measures, nighttime lights, and other development outcomes.
 - Estimated a spatial discontinuity regression model to study the causal impact of national and pre-colonial institutions over local development levels in Africa.

- July 2018- Instructor, Department of Economics, University of Chile
- Aug. 2019

 Taught undergraduate-level classes.
 - Used web-scrapping techniques to build infrastructure that generated automatic productivity reports of faculty.
- Mar. 2017- Graduate Research Assistant, Prof. Dante Contreras, University of Chile
- Dec. 2018 Used machine learning techniques and the Google Maps API to predict commuting time of middle-school students in Santiago, Chile.
 - Estimated causal inference models to study the impact of commuting time over students' achievement.
- Dec. 2015- Junior Economist, Chile 21 Foundation
- Apr. 2016 Analyzed data on Chilean dock workers to study how their contracts generated gaps in job quality among them.
- Dec. 2014- Research Assistant, Prof. Valentina Paredes, University of Chile
- Jan. 2016 Built datasets and estimated econometric models to study the impact of the gender composition of a classroom over the decision of women to major in a STEM-related discipline.

Relevant Coursework

Stanford Computer Science, Machine Learning (CS229), Deep Learning (CS230)

Stanford Economics, Intermediate Econometrics I, II and III, Quantitative Methods for Empirical Research, Machine Learning and Causal Inference

University of Chile Economics, Introduction to Statistics, Statistics Theory, Quantitative Methods I, II, III, and IV, Distributive Analysis of Micro Data using Stata, Topics in Applied Economics, Graduate Econometrics I, II, and III, Industrial Organization, Microeconometrics

Teaching Assistant Experience

Graduate Level, Microeconomics I, Microeconomics II, Macroeconomics II

Undergraduate Level, Principles of Economics, Basic English, Intermediate English, Political Economy, Quantitative Methods

Conferences

2023 Stata Conference, Stanford University, Generalized 2SLS procedure for Stata

Honors and Awards

- 2019 **Best Graduate in Economics**, School of Economics and Business, University of Chile. Awarded to the M.Sc. student with the highest GPA
- 2018 **School Spirit Award**, School of Economics and Business, University of Chile. Award handed by the Alumni association to one student with an outstanding academic performance, who also worked in extracurricular activities that had a positive impact over the community
- 2015-2017 **Honor Board**, School of Economics and Business, University of Chile. Awarded to students in the first percentile of academic performance

Programming Skills

Stata, advanced level

R, intermediate level

Python, intermediate level

MATLAB, intermediate level

Excel, intermediate level

Pytorch, beginner-intermediate level

SQL, beginner level

Google Cloud, basic experience with cloud computing and usage of the Google Maps and StreetView APIs **Google Earth Engine**, basic experience working with satellite images