Jack Guan

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley, CA)

B.A. American Studies, Political Science   Expected 2026
Minors in Political Economy, Public Policy

EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley, CA)

Research Assistant   Oct 2022 - Present

Analyze historical and contemporary elections around the world
Evaluate 110+ elections on 58 metrics of democracy, freedom, and participation
Enter, clean, and synchronize data with Excel and Ragic software

Research Fellow   Oct 2022 - Present

Compile 480+ political communications (e.g. briefings, speeches) from Bush and Trump presidencies
Hand code 35 speeches (3,994 lines; 320,430 words) from the Trump 2020 campaign
Analyze rhetorical appeals based on status, the economy, anti-elitism, and cult of personality

Research Assistant   Sep 2023 - Dec 2024

Analyzed legislative minutes of sampled U.S. municipalities for partisan influence
Reviewed local candidate statements for community connections and involvement
Submitted public records requests to county election officials in California

Democratic National Committee (Washington, DC)

Vetting & Compliance Intern   Jun 2025 - Aug 2025

Screened 5,200 donors to ensure legal and party compliance, requesting more details as necessary
Created lists of business and tax record search engines by jurisdiction to streamline vetting
Utilized Department of Justice, LexisNexis, NGP VAN, U.S. Congress, and Votebuilder databases

Streetsblog

Editorial Intern   May 2025 - Aug 2025

Craft compelling shortform news pieces focused on urban advocacy to reduce car dependency
Add expert perspectives through cultivating sources from network, organic contact, and press events
Manage life cycle of a piece from assignment/pitch to drafting and revising to publication

Ballotpedia

Research Fellow   Jan 2025 - Apr 2025

Contributed to expanding objective electoral information available to voters
Researched candidates in local elections across the United States
Gathered critical data points including contacts, social media profiles, websites, etc

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Politics/Policy: Campaign Strategy, Classical Political Economy, Congress, Contemporary Political Economy, Democracy, Immigration Policy (*graduate*), Jurisprudence, Policy Analysis, Policy Communications (*graduate*), Politics of Public Policy, Public Administration, Race/Class/Gender, Racism & U.S. Law, Wealth & Poverty
Urban Studies: American Landscapes, Cities & Their Citizens (*graduate*), New Media Cities (*graduate*), Rhetorical Places, Tech & City, Urban Community, Urban Design
Methods: Data Journalism, Economics for Public Policy, Empirical Analysis, Quantitative Sociological Methods, Public Opinion, Social Science Statistics

AWARDS/HONORS

UC Berkeley: CPD Fellowship, Dean's List, Fiat Lux Scholarship, Percy Grant for Public Affairs Research
U.S. State Department: NSLI-Y Scholarship

SKILLS

Computing: Google Workspace, Microsoft Office, R/R Studio, Wordpress
Languages: English, Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese)
Platforms: Adobe Illustrator, ArcGIS Online, Canva, Datawrapper, LexisNexis, NGP VAN, Ragic, Votebuilder

REFERENCES

Available upon request.