

# ZHIXU (RICK) YANG

## PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT

Major: MS Industrial-Organizational Psychology

Home Country: China



### Please briefly describe your research:

Currently, I mainly study how people juggle multiple goals in their life and work. Why do people like to multitask? What are the strategies we can use to manage goal conflicts? I also have research on how to promote collaborations in interpersonal conflict situations, such as negotiations. I care about the well-being and performance implications of my research.

### Why did you choose Purdue?

I really liked the curriculum of MS Marketing as it had a great mix of Marketing and Analytics. Also, I could see that the Boiler alumni network is huge and after talking to some recent alumni from Purdue, I was confident that Purdue is the right choice for my graduate degree.

### How did you decide what to study?

I majored in Psychology in my undergrad, and I was interested in the real-world implications of psychological theories to improve people's life. I thought I-O Psychology was a perfect fit for me because it focuses on both science and practice and has direct implications for people's work, which is probably one of the most salient life domains.

### What was your process for selecting a graduate school?

I mainly focused on academic research interest fit with potential advisors, reputation of the program in the academic field, as well as reputation and resources of the university as a whole.

### How do you de-stress in your free time?

I like to binge watch TV series, hang out with friends, try good restaurants in town.

### What is your favorite fact about Purdue?

There are kind, supportive, and open-minded students and professors around me. This is really important to a graduate student's well-being.

### How did you decide where to live?

I searched resources and recommendations online and asked students at Purdue. Price and location were my major concerns.

### What's one thing prospective students from China should know about Purdue?

There are many resources for international students. For example, Purdue Language and Cultural Exchange (PLaCE) offers short courses for international students to improve our English language.

### Where do you spend most of your time on campus?

Except for my office, it's probably the cafes on campus (e.g., Lavazza, Grey House), where I love doing my work.

### How do you keep yourself organized?

I use Google Calendar to arrange my meetings and schedules. I tried other productivity tools as well.

### What are you hoping to do after you graduate from Purdue?

I'm not sure yet. I'm still passionate about being a professor in a university, doing my research and mentoring students. But I'm also open to becoming a research scientist in the industry to help individuals and organizations with my knowledge in I-O Psychology.

# EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

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and Communication  
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Engineering  
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English  
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Political Sciences  
Sociology  
Theatre  
Visual and Performing Arts

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Economics  
Finance  
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Management  
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Resource Management

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Pharmacy  
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Molecular Pharmacology  
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Technology  
Computer Graphics Technology  
Construction Management  
Technology  
Engineering Technology  
Technology  
Technology, Leadership, and  
Innovation

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Biological Sciences  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary  
Sciences  
Mathematics  
Physics  
Statistics

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Basic Medical Sciences  
Comparative Pathobiology  
Veterinary Clinical Sciences

## HOW TO APPLY TO PURDUE

[purdue.edu/gradschool/admissions/how-to-apply/index.html](http://purdue.edu/gradschool/admissions/how-to-apply/index.html)



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