SHARATH SONTI

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Berkeley, California, United States

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Berkeley 2021–2027 (expected)
Committee: Yuriy Gorodnichenko, Jon Steinsson, and Chen Lian

M.Sc. in Economics and Finance, CEMFI 2019–2021
GPA: 89.5/100. Graduated with highest distinction

B.Sc. in Economics (Research), Shiv Nadar University 2015–2019
Minor in Mathematics. GPA: 9.66/10. Graduated with highest distinction; Dean's List 2017 and 2018

RESEARCH

Working Papers

Reference-Dependent Utility over Prices and the Welfare Cost of Inflation (Job Market Paper)

Overconfident Forecasters and the Impact of Inflation Information: Evidence from a Randomized Survey Experiment
(With Filippo Natoli)

Divided Views, Clearer Signals: FOMC Disagreement and Monetary Policy Uncertainty
(With Patrik Räty)

Local Housing Market Experiences and Homeownership Decisions
(With Gene Woo Kang and Junru Lyu)

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2026 Midwest Macro Meetings
North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society
UC Berkeley Macroeconomics Seminar
2025 UC Berkeley Macro Colloquium
UC Berkeley Macro Lunch
UC Berkeley Finance Lunch (also 2024)
UC Berkeley Real Estate Lunch
Berkeley Graduate Economics Mini Symposium (also 2023, 2024)

RESEARCH GRANTS

2026 Doctoral Research Grant in Monetary Economics, BB90 Fund
2025 Doctoral Research Grant in Monetary Economics, BB90 Fund
2024 Seed Grant, University of California Consumer Credit Panel

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2026 UC Berkeley Doctoral Completion Fellowship
2026 UC Berkeley Conference Travel Grant
2024 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley Department of Economics
2021 Graduated with highest distinction, CEMFI
2019 Graduated with highest distinction, Shiv Nadar University
2015 Shiv Nadar University Full Scholarship (2015–2019)

TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley

Macroeconomics I (Ph.D. core, ECON 202A) 2022–2025
Macroeconomics II (Ph.D. core, ECON 202B) 2023–2026

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Yuriy Gorodnichenko Summer–Fall 2024
University of California, Berkeley

Research Assistant for Jon Steinsson and Emi Nakamura Summer 2022, 2023
Macro Policy Lab, University of California, Berkeley

Research Assistant for Josep Pijoan-Mas Summer 2020
CEMFI

OTHER SKILLS

Languages: Telugu (native), English (fluent), Hindi (fluent)

Programming: MATLAB, R, Python, Julia, Stata, SQL, LaTeX