YAN ZHANG

Summary

PhD-qualified researcher with strong quantitative expertise and advanced analytical skills in Excel, SQL, R, Python, and Tableau. Experienced in delivering robust data analysis, visualisation, and insight-led reporting for evidence-based decision-making. Brings seven years of teaching experience, strengthening stakeholder relationships, communication, and presentation of insights. Work visa valid until May 2028.

Professional Experience

Lecturer 08/2013 – 03/2020

Guangdong Nanhua Vocational College of Industry and Commerce, PRC

- Delivered 3,500+ hours of teaching and was recognised by students as a favourite teacher in several classes.
- Contributed to 2 teaching-innovation projects from planning to execution, with evidence of increased student commitment to English learning.
- Coached students for provincial-level English writing competitions, supporting two mentees to achieve Provincial Third-Grade Awards.

Paymaster & Financial Admin Hotel Nikko Guangzhou, PRC

03/2013 - 08/2013

- Managed payroll data for 200+ employees, ensuring accuracy, confidentiality, and compliance.
- Provided administrative support to the CFO and finance team, including records maintenance and coordination of financial reporting activities.
- Liaised across departments to ensure the timely and accurate flow of financial and operational information.

Projects

Māori Language Immersion in New Zealand Schools

- Cleaned data and conducted regression, cluster, and time-series analysis using Python to uncover trends and patterns in national education data.
- Mapped regional disparities and identified distinct school clusters by ethnicity mix and decile using Python and Tableau.

Instacart Online Grocery Market Analysis

- Prepared data and engineered features using Python to support customer segmentation and behavioural insights.
- Developed data visualisations in Python to communicate purchasing trends and forecasting outcomes.

Rockbuster Stealth LLC - Digital Transition Strategy

 Applied SQL queries, including subqueries, common table expressions (CTEs), and window functions, to filter, aggregate, and summarise relational datasets in response to business questions.

Preparing for Flu Season

- Cleaned and analysed influenza season data using Excel to identify seasonal trends and risk factors.
- Created Tableau dashboards to visualise regional variations and support public health response planning.

Awards

University of Auckland Doctoral Scholarship – Full tuition and stipend (3.5 years)

- 022 492 8823
- Auckland, New Zealand

LinkedIn, Portfolio

- www.linkedin.com/in/yanzhangdata
- www.yanzhang.info

Skills

advanced Excel | MS suite | SQL | R | Python | SPSS | Tableau | Power BI

Education

Certificate in Data Analytics

CareerFoundry – Expected 12/2025

 Completed an intensive 500+ hour training in Data Analytics, including projects on data visualization and model development using advanced Excel, SQL, Python, and Tableau.

University of Auckland

PhD in Education – Expected 04/2026

 Conducted advanced statistical modelling of large-scale survey and policy datasets using R and SPSS.

University of Auckland

Master's Degree in Education – Graduated 02/2021

• GPA: 8.75/9.00

Deakin University

Master's Degree in Education (TESOL) – Graduated 05/2013

Guangdong University of Foreign Studies

Bachelor's Degree in English Education – Graduated 06/2012

Certification

Microsoft Power BI Data Analyst Associate Certificate – Awarded 08/2025

Volunteering

Manukau Cruising Club admin volunteer – Started 11/2025