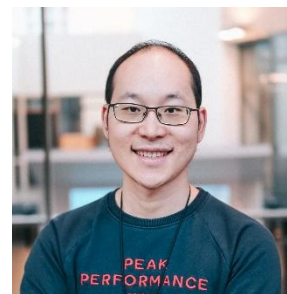


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ACADEMIC SERVICES

- **Consulting Editor:** *Educational Psychology* (SSCI Q2)
- **Guest Editor:** *Learning and Individual Difference* (SSCI Q1); *Frontiers in Psychology* (SSCI Q2)
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- **Division manager**, IAAP-Division 5 Education, Instructional & School Psychology for ICAP 2023
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- 2022.10-2025.9, Adolescents academic curiosity and persistence: Developmental trajectory and Promotion (22PJC057), Shanghai Pujiang Talents Project, 150 000 RMB, **PI Xin Tang** [2022.10-2025.9, 青少年学业好奇心与学业坚持性的发展和促进研究 (22PJC057), 上海市浦江人才计划, 15 万人民币, 负责人]
- 2022.8-2025.12, Shanghai Jiao Tong University Principal Investigator Starting Grant, 150 000 RMB, **PI Xin Tang** [2022.8-2025.12, 上海交通大学科研启动经费, 15 万人民币, 负责人]
- 2022.1-6, research collaboration grant, Innovative joint effort in combating school burnout in Finland and China, GINTL Finland, 15 000 €, **PI Xin Tang**
- (Ranked #3 in the panel [proposal score 5/6, competence score 6/6], unfunded 2021-2024), CuriStudent, Academy of Finland, 280 000 €, **PI Xin Tang**
- 9.2021 – 12.2024, research grant, EduRESCUE, Academy of Finland, 3.77 M € (600 K € for our WP), PI Marja-Kristiina Lerkkanen, Co-PI Katariina Salmela-Aro & Marja Vauras
 - **Core member, proposal writer**, project designing
- 1.7.2020-31.12.2021, research grant, School of Psychology, Central China Normal University, 50 000 ¥, **PI Xin Tang**
- 4.2021 – 4.2024, research training grant, [G-versity](#), EU Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme
 - **Deputy supervisor** at University of Helsinki
- 2.2021 – 11.2024, research grant, [ClimComp](#), Academy of Finland, 1.7 M € (490 K € for our WP), PI Markku Kulmala, Co-PI Katariina Salmela-Aro & Hilppa Gregow
 - **Core member, proposal writer**, project designing
- 1.1.2020 – 31.12.2021, research grant, [AI in learning project](#), Business Finland, 1.5 M € (250 K € for our WP), PI Hannele Niemi, Co-PI Katariina Salmela-Aro
 - **Co-group leader** and coordinator for the WP Wellbeing and Lifelong Learning

- 1.9.2017-31.8.2022, research grant, [Bridging the Gaps project](#), Academy of Finland, 280 000 €, PI Katariina Salmela-Aro
 - study design, data collection and analyses, paper writing, student supervising and guiding
- 1.1.2016-31.12.2021, research grant, [Crafting Optimal Learning in Science Environments – PIRE project](#), Academy of Finland, 753 437 €, PI Katariina Salmela-Aro, co-PI Jari Lavonen
 - study design, data collection and analyses, paper writing, student supervising and guiding
- 1.7.2017-31.12.2017, research and study grant, Department of Psychology, University of Jyväskylä, 10 200 €, PI **Xin Tang**
- 1.3.2016-1.5.2016, research grant, Shanghai Academy of Educational Sciences, 1000 €, PI **Xin Tang**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

Teaching

- 9.2024 – 1.2025, responsible teacher, *Teaching methods and tools* (2 Credits), School of Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- 9.2024 – 12.2024, responsible teacher, *Educational assessments and evaluations* (1 Credits), School of Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- 7.2024 – 8.2024, responsible teacher, *Educational Challenges: Status and Solution Designs* (2 Credits), School of Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- 2.2024 – 6.2024, responsible teacher, *Pedagogical practices for pre-service teachers* (2 Credits), School of Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- 18.1– 11.3.2022, responsible teacher, *EDUMCE06 Educational Psychology as an Engine for Change* (5 Credits), Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Helsinki
- 3.11 – 17.12.2021, co-responsible teacher, *EDUM003 Advanced Research Methods* (5 Credits), Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Helsinki
- 1.9 - 31.10.2021, co-responsible teacher, *EDUM001 Topic Issues in Educational Research* (5 Credits), Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Helsinki
- 19.1 - 26.2.2021, co-Instructor, *Oppiminen ja yksilö* (EDUM323; 5 Credits), Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Helsinki
- 13-20.12.2020, Guest Lecturer, *Psychology in Europe*, School of Psychology, Central China Normal University
- 11.2020 - 1.2021, co-responsible teacher, *Culture, Communication and management: A psychological Perspective*, School of Psychology, Central China Normal University
- 07.09.20 - present, co-Instructor, *Graduates thesis seminar* (Pro gradu-tutkielma; 35 Credits), Master's Programme in Education, Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Helsinki
- 05.09.19 - 27.4.20, co-Instructor, *Graduates thesis seminar* (Pro gradu-tutkielma; 35 Credits), Master's Programme in Education, Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Helsinki
- 17.01.19 - 27.02.19, co-Instructor, *Learning and developmental psychology* (5 Credits), Bachelor's Programme in Education, Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Helsinki
- 04.09.18 - 15.05.19, co-Instructor for *Graduates thesis seminar* (Pro gradu-tutkielma; 35 Credits), Master's Programme in Education, Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Helsinki

- 7.2010 - 8.2010, Instructor for primary and secondary school students, Xueya Educational training school, Changsha, China

Pedagogical Training

- 13.1 - 17.4.2022, *YA3 Pedagogical Leadership and Development of University Teaching* (5 ETCS), Centre for University Teaching and Learning (HYPE), University of Helsinki
- 23.4 - 1.6.2021, *Assessment and Feedback*, Staff Training in Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Helsinki
- 15.4 - 29.4.2021, *Approaches to Academic Leadership*, Research Management Support, University of Helsinki
- 11.3 - 29.4.2021, *UP2.1 Constructive Alignment in Course Design* (5 Credits), Centre for University Teaching and Learning (HYPE), University of Helsinki
- 19.1 - 3.3.2021, *UP1 Learning in Higher Education* (5 Credits), Centre for University Teaching and Learning (HYPE), University of Helsinki
- 04.05.20 - 20.05.20 Trained and certified by *Teaching Through English (TTE; 5 Credits)*, Language Center, University of Helsinki

SUPERVISING EXPERIENCE

- **Doctoral students:**
 - Huang Haoyan (2023- ; University of Helsinki, Finland)
 - Kezia Olive (2021- 2022; University of Helsinki; Marie-Curie Innovative Training Networks Fellow)
 - Yirou Fang (2021- 2022; University of Helsinki; Marie-Curie Innovative Training Networks Fellow)
 - Anne Lakkavaara (2019-2022; University of Helsinki; Funding recipient from Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation 2020; success rate 8%)
- **Master students:**
 - Zepeng Liu (2023- ; Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China)
 - Yichun Cai (2023- ; Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China)
 - Liyuan Peng (2023- ; Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China)
 - Yu Wang (2023- ; Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China)
 - Rongjun Sun (2024- ; Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China)
 - Sanna Tuovinen (2018-2019; University of Helsinki; Graduated on 5.2019, master thesis was adapted into an article published in *Frontiers in Psychology*)
- **Bachelor students:** 6 bachelor theses (2018, Lvliang University), 5 bachelor theses (2019, Lvliang University)

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

- 2021-2022, Member of steering group for international master program Changing Education, Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Helsinki

- <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/admissions/degree-programmes/changing-education-masters-programme>
- My duties: Application admission, External Relationship, Marketing, Curriculum, etc.
- 2022-2022, Member of steering group for Doctoral Programme in Cognition, Learning, Instruction and Communication (CLIC), University of Helsinki
 - <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/admissions-and-education/apply-doctoral-programmes/doctoral-schools-and-doctoral-programmes/doctoral-school-humanities-and-social-sciences/doctoral-programme-cognition-learning-instruction-and-communication>

CONFERENCE PAPERS OR POSTERS

1. Huang, H., **Tang, X.*** & Wang, M-T. (2025.8). *Be Curious and Persistent: Joint Roles of Curiosity and Persistence in Adolescents' STEM Learning*. Invited Symposium Paper presented in 2025 EARLI Conference.
2. Liu, Z., Guo, J. Huang, H. & **Tang, X.***. (2025.4). Which Social-Emotional Skills are Most Important for Students' Learning and Well-being? An International Comparison among China, USA and Finland. Paper presented in 2025 AERA Conference.
3. **Tang, X.*** (2024.9). *The interplay of curiosity and persistence: Their joint roles in STEM learning and the mixed relations in the moment*. Invited Symposium Paper presented in 2024 BERA Conference and WERA Focal Meeting, Manchester, UK
4. **Tang, X.*** & Zheng, H.. (2023.8). *What do Chinese adolescents perceive and experience about curiosity in school?*. Invited Symposium Paper presented in 2023 The European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI) conference, Thessaloniki, Greece.
5. **Tang, X.***, Chen, I-C., Schneider, B., Lavonen, J., Krajcik, J., & Salmela-Aro, K. (2022.4). *Optimal Learning Moments in Finland and US Science Class: Co-occurrence Network Analysis*. Invited Symposium Paper presented in 2022 American Educational Research Association (AERA) conference, San Diego, CA, USA.
6. **Tang, X.*** & Salmela-Aro, K. (2021.8). *Networks of Expectancies-Values-Costs among Finnish Adolescents: Consistency across Subjects, Years, and Effects on Academic Achievement*. Paper presented at the 2021 annual meeting of the European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI) Online due to COVID-19.
7. Lee, H., Alvarez-Vargas, D., **Tang, X.**, Bailey, D.H., Yang, J., Safavian, N., Gaspard, H., Simpkins, S., Salmela-Aro, K., Eccles, J.S., & Wigfield, A. (2021.8) *Examining Students' Expectancies and Values with Networks and Directed Acyclic Graphs*. Paper will be presented at the 2021 annual meeting of the European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI), Online due to COVID-19.
8. **Tang, X.***, Renninger, K. A., Hidi, S., Murayama, K., Lavonen, J., & Salmela-Aro, K. (2021.4). *The Similarities and Differences between Curiosity and Interest, and Educational Implications*. Invited symposium paper presented at 2021 American Educational Research Association (AERA) conference, online due to COVID-19. Symposium info: *Working with Demonstrated Differences Between Curiosity and Interest: A Panel Discussion of Implications*. Organizers: Suzanne E. Hidi & K. Ann Renninger.
9. Salmela-Aro, K. & **Tang, X.***, (2020.9). *Grit and Academic Goal Commitment Profiles: The role of Socio-economic Status and Education Aspiration*. Invited symposium paper presented in 2020 European Association for Research on Adolescence Conference (EARA) conference, online due to COVID-19. Symposium info: *Contextual factors shaping the educational motivation and engagement among young people*. Organizers: Ingrid Schoon.
10. **Tang, X.*** & Salmela-Aro, K. (2020.4). *Curiosity and interest in the moment: Their networks and*

- demarcations*. Invited symposium abstract accepted by 2020 American Educational Research Association (AERA) conference in poster symposium Affordances and Modeling of Intensive Data, San Francisco, CA, USA. Link to the paper https://researchportal.helsinki.fi/files/138819608/aera20_proceeding_1578806.pdf (Conference Canceled due to COVID-19)
11. **Tang, X.***, Lavonen, J., Schneider, B., Krajcik, J., & Salmela-Aro, K. (2020.4). *High school students' optimal learning moments: A network analysis approach*. Single paper accepted by 2020 American Educational Research Association (AERA) conference, San Francisco, CA, USA. Link to the paper https://researchportal.helsinki.fi/files/138819560/aera20_proceeding_1574486.pdf (Conference Canceled due to COVID-19)
 12. Vilhunen, E., **Tang, X.**, Juuti, K., Lavonen, J., Salmela-Aro, K. (2019.8). *Epistemic emotions in science classroom activities*. Paper presented in 2019 European Science Education Research Association (ESERA) conference, Bologna, Italy.
 13. **Tang, X.**, Guo, J., Wigfield, A. & Salmela-Aro, K. (2019.8). *It takes two hands to clap: Combining grit and educational-goal commitment to predict achievement*. Paper presented in 2019 The European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI) conference, Aachen, Germany.
 14. **Tang, X.**, Wang, M. T., Guo, J., & Salmela-Aro, K. (2019.4). *The longitudinal pathway from growth mindset and goal commitment to academic outcomes: the mediation role of grit*. Paper presented in 2019 American Educational Research Association (AERA) conference, Toronto, Canada.
 15. Salmela-Aro, K., **Tang X.** & Guo, J. (2018.10). *Growth Mindset Improves Achievement Via Grit: A Three-wave Longitudinal Study*. Invited [symposium presentation](#) in SRCD 2018 Special Topic Meeting: Promoting Character Development among Diverse Children and Adolescents.
 16. **Tang, X.**, Guo, J. & Salmela-Aro, K. (2018.8). *The predictive and interactive role of grit with goal orientation in academic wellbeing*. Invited symposium presentation in 2018 International Conference on Motivation (ICM), Aarhus, Denmark.
 17. **Tang, X.**, Pakarinen, E., Viljaranta, J., Kikas, E., Lerkkanen, M.-K., & Nurmi, J.-E. (2018.7). *Longitudinal associations between math-related skills, interest and self-concept from grade 3 to grade 6: A cross-country study*. Invited symposium presentation in 2018 International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) conference, Gold Coast, Australia.
 18. **Tang, X.**, Kikas, E., Pakarinen, E., Lerkkanen, M.-K., & Nurmi, J.-E. (2018.7). *What Do Different Teaching Styles Do to Reading Skill Development? A Three-Year Follow-up Study*. Poster presented in 2018 International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) conference, Gold Coast, Australia.
 19. **Tang, X.**, Pakarinen, E., Lerkkanen, M.-K., & Nurmi, J.-E. (2017.8). *The Role of Teaching Practices in Reading Skills Development from Grade 1 to 3*. Paper presented in 2017 The European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI) conference, Tampere, Finland.
 20. **Tang, X.**, Lerkkanen, M.-K., Kikas, E., Pakarinen, E., & Nurmi, J.-E. (2017.4). *Profiles of Teaching Practices and First and Third Graders' Reading Skills in Finland and Estonia*. Poster presented in 2017 Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) conference, Austin, Texas, United States.
 21. **Tang, X.**, Nurmi, J.-E., Kikas, E., Pakarinen, E., Lerkkanen, M.-K., & Muotka, J. (2016, July). *Profiles of Teaching Practices and Their Associations with First and Third Graders' Reading Skills in Finland and Estonia*. Poster presented in 2016 International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) conference, Vilnius, Lithuania.
 22. **Tang, X.**, Liang, Z., Deng, H. (2012, December). *Prospective relations among parental emotion-related socialization behaviors and adolescents' depression*. Abstract accepted in 15th Conference of Chinese Psychological Society, Guangzhou, Guangdong. (in Chinese)

23. **Tang, X.** (2012, June). *Association between parental emotion-related socialization behaviors and adolescents' peer social skills: Moderated by parenting style*. Paper presented in Academic Conference of 110th Anniversary of Southeast University. (in Chinese)
24. Deng, H., Chen, H., **Tang, X.** (2011, November). *The relationship between self-esteem and depression in early adolescents: A cross-lagged regression analysis*. Paper presented in Conference of Jiangsu Psychological Society, Changzhou, Jiangsu. (in Chinese)

AWARDS AND HONORS (selected)

- 上海交通大学青教赛决赛二等奖 2025.1
- 上海交通大学 WCU 教学技能二等奖 2024.12
- 上海交通大学教育学院青教赛二等奖 2022.12
- **Title of Docent** (2022.6), Lifetime Honorary Associate Professor, Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Helsinki, Finland
- **Title of Docent** (2021.12), Lifetime Honorary Associate Professor, Faculty of Education and Psychology, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- **Spotlight Emerging Scholar** (2021.4), European Association for Research on Adolescence (EARA)
<https://www.earaonline.org/young-scholars/emerging-scholar-spotlight/>
- **Top ten influential papers in year 2019** (rank 4/10) in *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*
<https://www.springer.com/journal/10964/updates/17874080>
- **Early Career Scholars Travel Awards-shortlist**, International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) conference, 2018 July.
- **Early Career Scholars Travel Awards**, International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) conference, 2016 July.
- **First Class Award** in Academic Conference of 110th Anniversary of Southeast University (2012)
- **Outstanding Student** in Southeast University (2012)
- **First Class Scholarship** and **Second Class Scholarship** in Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University (2008, 2009)

ACADEMIC VISITING

- **Invited talk:** Michigan State University (9.2019), Beijing Normal University (5.2019), Central China Normal University (10.2019)
- **Visiting researcher** at the Institute for Positive Psychology in Education, Australian Catholic University, Australia (2018.7-8; Dr. Jiesi Guo, Prof. Herb Marsh, and Prof. Philip Parker); Tsinghua Laboratory of Brain and Intelligence, Tsinghua University (2021.9-11; Prof. Jia Liu)