

# Sama Ahmed

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## EDUCATION

**California State University, Fullerton**  
*Bachelor of Science, Computer Science | GPA: 3.59*

Fullerton, CA  
*Anticipated Graduation: May 2026*

## EXPERIENCE

<b>User Experience Research Intern</b> <i>LPL Financial</i>	Jun. 2025 – Aug. 2025 <i>San Diego, CA</i>
<b>Supplemental Instruction Leader</b> <i>California State University, Fullerton</i>	Aug. 2024 – May 2025 <i>Fullerton, CA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analyzed advisor feedback on MyRepChat and conducted heuristic evaluations, identifying <b>10+</b> usability issues that informed feature development</li><li>Presented insights to UX, product, and vendor teams, directly influencing enhancements on a platform used by <b>30,000+</b> financial advisors nationwide</li><li>Built persona guides and updated pilot program documentation, simplifying access to research resources for the UX team</li></ul>	

## LEADERSHIP

<b>FullyBeyond</b>   <i>Web Development Team Lead</i>	May 2024 – Nov. 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Led a 5-person dev team to build <a href="https://fullybeyond.acmcsuf.com">fullybeyond.acmcsuf.com</a>, the platform for CSUF's first 24-hour designation, using SvelteKit and TailwindCSS</li><li>Partnered with 11 organizers to launch the event, engaging <b>100+</b> students and boosting their design skills</li></ul>	
<b>Association for Computing Machinery at CSUF</b>   <i>Board Member, Webmaster</i>	Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maintained and scaled <a href="https://acmcsuf.com">acmcsuf.com</a>, the chapter's largest open-source project (<b>70+</b> contributors), by implementing new features, reviewing <b>40+</b> PRs, and improving contributor documentation and onboarding</li><li>Led workshops for <b>30+</b> students on SvelteKit, open-source collaboration, front-end design, and interactive coding, fostering hands-on learning and cross-team collaboration</li><li>Mentored a small cohort of underclassmen ("littles"), hosting career-development sessions on LinkedIn optimization, resume building, LeetCode strategy, and portfolio creation, supporting both professional and personal growth</li></ul>	
<b>FullyHacks</b>   <i>Co-Director, UI Designer</i>	Sep. 2023 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Co-designed the FullyHacks 2024 interface in Figma, ensuring a seamless user experience across devices that attracted <b>400+</b> applicants and secured 10 sponsors</li><li>Directed FullyHacks 2025 alongside 3 co-directors, leading <b>50+</b> organizers across web, design, and marketing teams and achieving a <b>35%</b> year-over-year increase in project submissions</li><li>Rejoined the FullyHacks 2026 Design Team, contributing to website UI/UX design and creating marketing visuals across digital platforms</li></ul>	

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Languages:** Python, JavaScript, Swift, C, C++, HTML, CSS, SQL  
**Frameworks:** Flask, Svelte/SvelteKit, React, Bootstrap, Tailwind CSS, SwiftUI  
**Tools:** Git, Linux, Figma, Jira, Confluence, Miro  
**Methods:** User Research, Usability Testing, Prototyping, Agile/Scrum