

# Suraya Shivji

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## Experience

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### IDEO — Fellow, Freelance Designer

Jan 2018 - Jan 2019, San Francisco and Remote

Worked with IDEO CoLab to lead the research, design, and prototyping for Cryptonites, a game that allows users to collect and battle 3D virtual planets on the Ethereum blockchain.

### Spotify — Product Design Intern

Summer 2018, San Francisco

Researched, designed, and prototyped app integrations for Google Maps, iMessage, and mobile games. Led a design sprint on gaming and presented my projects to the VP of Design.

### Apple — Software Engineering Intern

Summer 2016 and 2017, Cupertino

In 2017, I built Live Listen, an accessibility feature for AirPods that was shipped with iOS 12 and featured in TechCrunch, Forbes, Business Insider, and more. In 2016, I developed and designed a web app for partnership managers.

### Rizikitoto — Founder and CEO

2014 - 2017, San Francisco

Created an organization that helped children in Ugandan orphanages attain self-sustenance through mobile app revenue.

### USC — Head Teacher's Assistant (ITP 344)

2016 - 2018, Los Angeles

Led office hours and grading for Advanced iOS Development.

### USC School of Cinematic Arts — HCI Researcher

Spring 2017, Los Angeles

Worked with four to prototype Photogram, a AR photography and memory exploration app for the HoloLens, in USC's MxR Lab.

### Codecademy — Advisor

2016, Remote

Advised students in JavaScript, Java, HTML/CSS, and SQL.

## Skills

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**Design** — Figma, Sketch, Photoshop, Illustrator, Framer

**Tech** — Swift, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, Objective-C

## Education

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### University of Southern California

B.S. Arts, Technology, and the Business of Innovation. Emphases: Design for Emerging Ventures, Technology. 2015 - 2019

The Jimmy Iovine and Andre Young Academy offers an integrated learning experience in design, technology, and business.

**Coursework:** Product Design, Design Theory, Motion Graphics, 3D Design, Advanced iOS, Rapid Visualization, Explorations of AR.

## Select Projects

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### Mello — CoFounder

Launched a startup to make mindfulness effortless with an intelligent aromatherapy diffuser. Leverages AI to create blends based on the user's mood.

Received \$5,000 in USC's Entrepreneurship Competition. Roles include design, research, tech, and business in this ongoing project.

### Musicvizz.com — Creator

Created a collection of music visualizations to combine my loves for generative art & music.

+ other fun projects detailed on my website

## Honors

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Google's ACM CHI Conference Grant

Oculus Launch Pad Fellow

Facebook Grace Hopper Scholarship

Facebook F8 Developer Scholarship

RWDevCon Scholarship

Microsoft Grace Hopper Scholarship

try! Swift NYC Scholarship

Accenture Student Empowerment Fellow

USC Dean's Scholarship

Quip Engineering Scholarship

Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award