

ZIHAO CHEN

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EDUCATION

MSc Management, University College London (UCL) 09/2024-Present

Teesside University 09/2022-09/2023

- Degree Grade: **Distinction (80%+)**, final design mark 95/100
- Programme: Master of Arts with **Distinction** in Concept Art

Sichuan University | SCU | Top 10 University in china | under China's National Project 985 & 211 Chengdu, China

- Weighted Overall Average Mark: 83.86%**
- Five-Year Full-Time Programme: Bachelor of Architecture in Architecture 09/2015-06/2020
- SCU 1st-Class Scholarship for Specific Excellence – **Top 10%**; Amount: CNY 500 10/2016
- SCU 1st-Class Scholarship for Overall Excellence – **Top 2%**; Amount: CNY 2,500 10/2018

Award:

- National Gold Prize**, the China national College Students 'Internet+' Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition 09/2017
- National Silver Award**, Sketch Category, Student Art Competition of the 14th National Higher Institutions Architecture and Environmental Design Professional Art Teaching Seminar 11/2017

WORK EXPERIENCE

AquaBluGames Ltd London, UK

2D Concept Artist 07/2022-12/2022

- Created 2D concept art pieces for game projects and collaborated with artists and designers to develop visual concepts
- Discussed and analysed design tasks with the Chief Designer as the assistance, optimized and allocated designing assignments, increasing overall design efficiency by **20-40%**
- Conducted in-depth research of specific game's theme, providing a solid foundation for the team's design efforts
- Participated in brainstorming sessions to generate creative ideas and designed character and environment concepts

Chengdu Meisha Architects Design Co., Ltd Chengdu, China

Junior Architect 07/2019-10/2019

- Assisted in architectural design, creating CAD drawings and blueprints for residential and commercial buildings
- Analysed the local commercial structure and business operation models in a commercial architecture project, generated reports about the commercial activity and space requirement. Redesign and reorganise the spatial layout to make the business model more efficient
- Conducted site visits and inspections to ensure compliance with design specifications, and supported senior architects in drafting technical documents and reports

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer Teacher in the Baima Tibetan Autonomous Region 07/2016-08/2016

- Discussed and coordinated on resources, materials, and curriculum arrangements with the local government for the whole team
- Served as an art teacher at the Youth Palace teaching and tutored children from 6-15 to maximise their learning potential

Volunteer Student Support Assistant 10/2021-01/2022

- Assisted university professors and helped guide Chinese international students with limited English proficiency to adapt more quickly to the school environment and integrate into their courses

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SCU Career Centre Information Department - Deputy Director 2015-2016

- Responsible for managing and organizing student entrepreneurial teams to participate in major national and provincial-level business and entrepreneurship competitions. Earned title: **Excellent Deputy Director**

SCU Colleges and Departments Liaison Office - Officer 2014-2015

- Member of Colleges and Departments Liaison Office of Sichuan University

Badminton:

- Member of Teesside University Badminton Team (Men's Double) 2021-2023
 - Member of Sichuan University Badminton Team (Men's Double) 2016-2020
 - Co-founder and Member of SCU College of Architecture and Environment Badminton Team 2015-2020
- Award: **1st place** (2015), **2nd place** (2016) in SCU team badminton tournament

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English (proficient; IELTS 7.0) | Chinese Mandarin (native)

Technical Skills: Intermediate level in architectural software, Adobe Creative Suite, modelling tools, and common office software

Hobbies: photography, painting, cooking, saxophone. Passionate about learning and mastering new languages in order to appreciate the different cultures of the world