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EXPERIENCE

JANUARY 2021 – JUNE 2022

Design Lab, Human-Centered Design Research Assistant

Created a new design student guide of "hidden curriculum" or practical career advice not taught in school from findings of 25+ interviews and 120+ collaborations. Advised by Professor Philip Guo.

JUNE 2021 – SEPTEMBER 2021

Microsoft, Software Engineering Intern

Designed and built a TypeScript + React Dossier to synthesize top insights of tenant key data points with custom charting. To be used by 15,000+.

SEPTEMBER 2020 – MARCH 2022

Design Lab, Human-Computer Interaction Research Assistant

Researched community design, problem decomposition and adaptive scaffolding by conducting method interviews with 10 design experts and prototyping tools that guided 100+ students through the problem solving process. Advised by Professor Stephen MacNeil and Professor Steven Dow.

JUNE 2020 – SEPTEMBER 2020

Microsoft, Explore Intern

Built a full-stack audit tool revealing usage telemetry to alert security risk and mitigate error of admins serving **20,000+** by designing in Figma and developing in React, Typescript, SCSS, C#, and SCOPE scripts.

APRIL 2019 – NOVEMBER 2020

ACM UCSD, UX Designer

Created an in-house design system and redesigned visuals and features including event check-in efficiency for a web portal of **1100+ users**. Co-founded UC San Diego's largest tech student organization.

EDUCATION

CLASS OF 2022 – Major GPA: 3.8

University of California San Diego

B.S. Cognitive Science: Human-Computer Interaction

Minor in Computer Science, Minor in Design

Graduate-level coursework: Interaction Design Research, Human-Centered Programming, Information Visualization, Design at Large

Coursework: Data Structures, Front-End Development, Human-Computer Interaction Studio, Prototyping, Product Design, Research Methods

SKILLS

Development

Python, JavaScript, React, TypeScript, Java, HTML, CSS

Design + UX

Figma, Zeplin, Prototyping, User Research, Usability Testing, Interaction Design, Product Design, Design Systems