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Interdisciplinary designer and MDes Design Futures candidate at the Royal College of Art, with experience across jewellery and fashion design, visual communication, game and interactive experience design, and service design. I combine strong visual sensitivity with user research and systems thinking to translate complex ideas into engaging narratives, services and physical-digital experiences.

EDUCATION

Royal College of Art

Master of Design (MDes) in Design Futures

Sep 2025 – Expected Oct 2026

Focus: research methodologies, systems thinking, strategic foresight and interdisciplinary project development.

SELECTED PROJECTS & RESEARCH

Visible Prosthetic Futures — Independent Research Project

Investigated how visible upper-limb prosthetics could reshape beauty and social acceptance by 2075. Used participant research and comparative future scenarios to propose a more socially livable prosthetic future.

NeoGenesis — Speculative Wearable & Interactive Experience

Two-person Collaboration

Led all work beyond garment design and construction, including concept development, visual identity, photography, Arduino prototyping and EEG testing. The project's key visual was nominated in the Graphic Design category at the DNA Paris Design Awards.

Adaptive Low Carbon Heating in London — Design Futures Research

Four-person Collaboration

Led data collection and theoretical research, while developing the project's visual communication and prototype to explore user-centred heat-pump adoption in UK housing.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Zhejiang Relic Game Technology Co., Ltd.

UX Design Assistant Intern | Feb 2024 – Jun 2024

- Contributed across the non-programming development of a new game character, from concept development to visual production.
- Supported user research, interface prototyping and game-related event planning.

Gangying Architectural Technology (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.

Design Assistant Intern | Oct 2023 – Feb 2024

- Revised CAD drawings and models based on client feedback and production requirements.
- Supported design documentation, cost estimation and project delivery.

SKILLS

Research & Strategy: Qualitative Research, User Interviews, Desk Research, Stakeholder Analysis, Systems Mapping, Scenario Planning, Strategic Foresight

Tools: Figma, Adobe Photoshop, Blender, Rhinoceros 3D, Unreal Engine, TouchDesigner, Marvelous Designer, Arduino, CapCut, 3Design, JCAD, Unity

Languages: Mandarin Chinese — Native · English — IELTS 6.5 · Japanese — N5