

Sophia Ni • Visual Development & Illustration

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Education

ArtCenter College of Art and Design

B.F.A with Distinction and Honors in Illustration Entertainment Arts

GPA:3.90; *Provost list; Dean's List*

Pasadena, CA

2021-2025

Gobelins, l'école de l'image

Summer Program in Visual Storytelling

Paris, France

Summer 2025

Professional Development & Experience

ArtCenter Career and Professional Development Mentorship

Visual Development Mentee with Tom Eichacker

- Worked closely with **Tom Eichacker, VisDev Artist** at **Paramount Animation** to develop senior thesis project including but not limited to exploration, environment design, color/lighting, character design, and storytelling.

Pasadena, CA

Fall 2025

Visual Development Mentorship

Visual Development Mentee with Albert Lim

- Worked closely with visual development mentor **Albert Lim, VisDev Artist** at **Sony Animation** to develop visual development and technical skills. Developed skills in environment design, prop design, material, and lighting skills.

Pasadena, CA

Summer 2025

Teaching Assistant at ArtCenter College of Design

TA for Graphic Design for Entertainment, Creative Perspective, Inventive Drawing

- Worked with students to develop storytelling, graphic design, perspective, environment, layout, character skills
- Provided critique and resources for student work
- Create a space outside of class for students to collaborate and ask questions.

Pasadena, CA

Fall 2023-Fall 2025

NBCUniversal Internship

Design Intern, Toys & Hardlines

- Worked closely with team to ideate, design, and render various products for Universal and Dreamworks IP
- Communicated with vendors and industry professionals on the development of
- Worked with fellow interns to pitch a retail space complete with market research, products, story, retail design, and shopping experience.

Universal City, CA

Summer 2024

Softwares, Skills, & Additional

Software: Adobe Photoshop, Procreate, Adobe Indesign, Blender, Sketchup, Maya

Design & Communication: Visual Development, Environment Design, Character Design, Prop Design, Product Design, Illustration, Publishing.

Interests/Hobbies: Movies, Creative Writing, Comics, Collage, Plein Air

Language: English (Native), Chinese (Fluent)

Recognitions

Samsung Endowed Scholarship *Merit Scholarship*

Albert & Trudy Kallis Found Endowed Scholarship *Merit Scholarship*

Elise Mudd Marvin Mem End Scholarship *Merit Scholarship*

Direct Access Travel Stipend Award *Merit Scholarship*

ArtCenter UG Scholarship *Entrance Scholarship*