

# Sama Ahmed

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## Education

### California State University, Fullerton

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science | GPA: 3.61

Fullerton, CA

Anticipated May 2026

## Experience

### Web Design Intern | *Titan Radio*

Jan. 2026 – Present

- Engineered and deployed platform features using HTML/CSS, JS, and PHP while building React Native mobile components
- Iterated on interface designs to meet DJ and student usability needs, ensuring a seamless cross-device experience

### User Experience Research Intern | *LPL Financial*

Jun. 2025 – Aug. 2025

- Conducted heuristic evaluations identifying **10+** issues that shaped the product roadmap and development cycles
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to present insights, influencing a platform used by **30,000+** advisors
- Built persona guides and streamlined documentation to increase project velocity for the cross-functional UX team

### Supplemental Instruction Leader | *CSU Fullerton*

Aug. 2024 – May 2025

- Facilitated bi-weekly Calculus I sessions, improving average student grades by **10%** through targeted reinforcement
- Designed interactive group activities to simplify complex technical topics and foster a collaborative environment

### IT Student Assistant | *CSU Fullerton*

Aug. 2023 – Present

- Provided technical support to faculty and staff by troubleshooting hardware/software and configuring workstations
- Resolved **300+** ServiceNow tickets, reducing response times and increasing faculty satisfaction with IT services

## Projects

### Playlist Exporter | *SvelteKit, Python, Flask, TailwindCSS*

- Led 3 developers to architect a full-stack tool that converts Spotify playlists to YouTube via OAuth 2.0 and REST APIs
- Designed a responsive SvelteKit UI with state management to simplify migrations and provide real-time transfer status

## Leadership

### Campus Leader | *Figma*

Jan. 2026 – Present

- Spearheaded Figma workshops for **200+** students by introducing industry-standard UI/UX prototyping best practices and facilitating hands-on exercises to increase design tool proficiency on campus

### Web Development Team Lead | *FullyBeyond*

May 2024 – Nov. 2024

- Managed a 5-person engineering team to build the FullyBeyond designathon platform using SvelteKit and TailwindCSS
- Partnered with 11 cross-functional organizers to launch the event, driving engagement for **100+** student participants

### Board Member, Webmaster | *Association for Computing Machinery at CSUF*

Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2025

- Managed acmcsuf.com by reviewing **40+** PRs and optimizing documentation for **70+** open-source contributors
- Led workshops for **30+** students on SvelteKit and front-end design to foster hands-on open-source collaboration
- Mentored students through career sessions focused on resume building, technical interviews, and portfolio optimization

### Co-Director, UI Designer | *FullyHacks*

Sep. 2023 – Present

- Co-designed the user interface for FullyHacks 2024, ensuring a seamless experience for **400+** applicants and **10** sponsors
- Led **50+** organizers across cross-functional teams to drive a **35%** year-over-year increase in project submissions for 2025
- Developed high-fidelity UI/UX assets and marketing visuals for the 2026 event cycle as part of the Design Team

## Technical Skills

- Languages:** Python, SQL, JavaScript, Swift, C/C++, HTML/CSS
- Frameworks:** SvelteKit, React, Flask, Tailwind CSS, Bootstrap, SwiftUI
- Tools:** Jira, Confluence, Figma, Miro, Git, Linux
- Methods:** Agile/Scrum, User Research, Usability Testing, Prototyping, Product Roadmap