

Sama Ahmed

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Experience

User Experience Researcher (Incoming) | *LPL Financial* Starting Jul. 2026

Web Design Intern | *Titan Radio* Jan. 2026 – May 2026

- Redesigned key pages (Meet Our DJs, The Feed), increasing user engagement and improving content discoverability for a student media platform with **6K+** Instagram followers
- Built a semester archive and updated blog/DJ pages to improve content organization and access to past and current staff

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 – Jun. 2026

- Provided technical support to faculty and staff by troubleshooting hardware/software and configuring workstations
- Resolved **500+** ServiceNow tickets, reducing response times and increasing faculty satisfaction with IT services

Project

Fliq. | *SvelteKit, Tailwind, Gemini NanoBanana, Supabase, Render*

- Built a real-time collaborative photo booth web app enabling users to take shared photo-strip experiences remotely
- Integrated Supabase for real-time session sync and Gemini NanoBanana API for AI-generated backgrounds

Leadership

Campus Leader | *Figma* Jan. 2026 – May 2026

- Facilitated workshops for **100+** students, introducing UI/UX prototyping best practices and collaborative design tools
- Coordinated tabling events, launch parties, and work sessions to support participation in the FigBuild designathon

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

Webmaster, Board Member | *Association for Computing Machinery at CSUF* Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2025

- Managed acmcusuf.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/UX Designer | *FullyHacks* Sep. 2023 – Apr. 2026

- 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

Education

California State University, Fullerton Fullerton, CA

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Cum Laude May 2026

Technical Skills

- **Languages:** Python, SQL, JavaScript, Swift, C/C++, HTML/CSS
- **Frameworks:** SvelteKit, React, Flask, Tailwind, Bootstrap, SwiftUI, Jira, Confluence, Figma, Miro, Git, Linux