

Saki Asakawa

UX Researcher | Inclusive Designer

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Experience

NASA + NYU / UX Researcher

Jan 2021 - Present | Remote (US)

- Leading communications in the cross-functional team and documenting learnings through testing and research for future studies.
- Creating the final sitemap, wireframe, and workflow for an accessible learning platform and experience for blind and low vision communities.

WearWorks / Accessibility UX Researcher

Dec 2020 - June 2021 | Remote (US)

- Designing accessible UI and UX assets for the product.
- Identifying pain points of the product and ensuring that the current experience is constantly improving by conducting user interviews and usability/user testing.

New York University / Research Assistant

Oct 2020 - May 2021 | Brooklyn, NY

- Led a research project with Professor Regine Gilbert to develop accessibility guidelines for Extended Reality.
- Documented and tracked learnings through research so insights can easily be referenced for future studies.

Carnegie Mellon University / Research Associate

Jan 2018 - July 2019 | Pittsburgh, PA

- Contributed to several projects by planning and conducting user-centered research using mixed methods.
- Published academic papers at international conferences and raised public awareness of the importance of accessibility.

Publications

- CHI 2020
- ASSETS 2019 | Best Paper Nominee
- W4A 2019
- ASSETS 2018

Education

New York University

M.S Integrated Digital Media | Brooklyn, NY

Sep 2019 - May 2021 | GPA 3.97

» Inclusive Excellence Award - 2021

Selected as a student who demonstrated a commitment to advancing inclusion, accessibility, and equity by working at the intersection of STEM.

Carnegie Mellon University

Non-Degree, Design/CS | Pittsburgh, PA

Jan 2016 - Jun 2019 | GPA 3.77

Musashino Art University

B.A Communication Design | Tokyo, JAPAN

Apr 2012 - Mar 2017

Skills

Accessibility Testing, Journey Mapping, Usability/User Testing, Prototyping, Conversation Design, Survey, Personas, Interaction Design, User Interview, Generative & Evaluative Research, Quantitative & Qualitative Analysis, Front-End/iOS Development, WCAG

Tools

Adobe Creative Suite, Figma, Keynote, Miro, Tableau, Qualtrics, Microsoft Office, VoiceOver, JAWS, TalkBack

Languages

Arduino, HTML / CSS, JavaScript, Python, p5.js, Swift, WAI-ARIA
Japanese, English