Viviana Staicu

Interaction Designer

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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University
Graduating May 2027

Bachelors of Design and Human Computer Interaction

GPA 3.9 / 4.0 | Deans List 2024
HCII: Advanced Interaction Design
Communications Design Studio I
Public Speaking
15-112: Fundamentals of Programming and CS (Python)
Research Issues in Game Development: Designing for XR

EXPERIENCE

Lunar Gala
Sept 2023—May 2025

Web Design Head | Pittsburgh, PA

  Developed functional front-end mockups demoed at weekly stand-ups.
  Designed and developed GLSL shaders for a generative design system.
  Directed cross-functional collaboration across 4 designers and 5 developers.
  Led concept, interaction, and UI/UX for Pittsburgh's largest fashion show website.

School of Design, CMU
Jul 2025—Present

UX Design Research Assistant | Pittsburgh, PA

Produced static and animated visualizations to illustrate spatial interaction frameworks for a Mixed Reality paper.

Social and Decision Sciences Department, CMU
Sept 2024—Mar 2025

UX Design Research Assistant | Pittsburgh, PA

Built design system for an AI-assisted simulation tool which trains DoD officials in high-stakes
decision-making scenarios; Devised usability studies for prospective testers.

National Security Agency
Sept 2022—May 2023

UX/UI Design Intern | Fort Meade, MD
CLEARANCE: TOP SECRET SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Worked with UX design team to design modern capabilities for processing, routing, and tracking mission targeting data; improving agency tools.

EXPERTISE

Skills

Front-end Prototyping
Usability testing | User Research
Lo-fi to Hi-fi Mockups
Scaling Design Systems
Generative Design | Creative Code

Motion design
Branding | Identity
Presenting
Cross-functional work
Romanian fluency
Dual-citizenship

Software

Figma
React | Three.js | HTML | CSS
After Effects | Adobe Creative Suite
C4D | Blender
Solidworks CAD | Plasticity
Python