

# YULIA YUKHTENKO

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Experienced professional with over 8 years of combined experience in engineering and project management, now transitioning into UX/UI and Product Design. Skilled in problem-solving, user research, and creating intuitive designs backed by strong analytical thinking and attention to detail. Completed two UX/UI design certifications and built a portfolio demonstrating expertise in wire-framing, prototyping, and user-centered design.

## EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

### AGILE ESSENTIALS

GOOGLE'S PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

### UI/UX DESIGN SPECIALIZATION

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS

### UX DESIGN SPECIALIZATION

GOOGLE'S PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

FAR EASTERN FEDERAL UNIVERSITY, VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA

## SKILLS

- **DESIGN TOOLS:** Figma, Illustrator, Photoshop, Lightroom
- **UX & PRODUCT DESIGN SKILLS:** Wireframing, Prototyping, UI Design, Design Systems, A/B Testing, Visual Hierarchy, Iconography, User Research, Journey Mapping, Feedback Synthesis, Usability Testing, Data-Driven Design Decisions
- **SOFT SKILLS:** Empathy, Cross-Team Collaboration, Attention to Details, Teamwork, Agile Workflow, Critical and Analytical Thinking, Problem Solving, Time management, Organizational Skills, Storytelling
- **LANGUAGES:** English (fluent), Russian (native), Polish (conversational)

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### UI DESIGNER / PRODUCT DESIGNER, BubbleUp

CalArts UI/UX Design Specialization | 07/2024-09/2024

- Designed and maintained a cohesive visual system for a mobile-first customizable boba tea app.
- Created detailed user flows, high-fidelity prototypes, and illustrations/icons aligned with brand identity.
- Conducted usability testing, gathered feedback, and iterated based on user and stakeholder input.
- Balanced business goals with user needs through user interviews and product insights.

### UX/UI DESIGNER, The Oaks Gallery

Google's UX Design Specialization | 07/2023-12/2023

- Designed an intuitive auction app for art buyers, applying user-centered research and wireframing.
- Conducted usability tests and interviews to inform design iterations.
- Developed prototypes and refined visual hierarchy and interactions for improved discoverability.

### UI/UX DESIGNER, Ferret, LedScreen, CatAngels

GeekBrains UX/UI Design | 12/2022-06/2023

- Redesigned websites for startups and nonprofits, improving usability and aesthetic consistency.
- Developed high-quality UI assets for website interfaces using Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and Figma.
- Created wireframes, prototypes, and high-fidelity mockups aligned with user-centered design principles.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **PHOTOGRAPHER,**

HiddenFox Photo, [www.hiddenfoxphoto.com/](http://www.hiddenfoxphoto.com/), Raleigh, NC | 2016-2023

- Built and managed a client-oriented photography business, handling all communications, logistics, and post-production.
- Developed a strong sense of empathy, storytelling, and visual communication.

### **PROJECT MANAGER,**

Engineering Networks - Part-time, Remote | 2018 - 2022

- Reviewed designs and provided technical guidance to project professionals.
- Coordinated technical documentation, deadlines, and client communication.
- Supported collaborative work across multidisciplinary teams.

### **LEAD ENGINEER,**

State government office - Full-time, On-site, Russia | 2013 - 2014

- Led techno-economic analysis of heat production and transmission.
- Conducted performance evaluations and developed user-focused engineering documentation.
- Managed compliance filings and reporting for state requirements.

### **CIVIL ENGINEER/PROJECT MANAGER,**

Engineering Networks - Full-time, On-site, Russia | 2011 - 2013

- Managed end-to-end construction projects, overseeing contractors and team members.
- Identified and resolved construction challenges through strategic problem-solving.
- Developed and maintained comprehensive project documentation.
- Conducted inspections of concealed structures to ensure compliance with regulations.