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EDUCATION

Harvard Graduate School of Design

Cambridge, MA

Master of Architecture in Urban Design

Aug 2025-May 2027 (Expected)

Ivory Fellow in Housing Affordability and Sustainability

Tsinghua University, School of Architecture

Beijing, China

Bachelor of Architecture, GPA: 3.84/4.0

Sep 2020-Jul 2025

Comprehensive Excellence Scholarship

EXPERIENCE

Harvard Graduate School of Design

Cambridge, MA, USA

Research Assistant | Unhoused America

Aug 2026-Present

- Design and maintain the website for Unhoused America, a multimedia research and publication project exploring homelessness in the US, including interactive web features and ongoing site updates.
- Support project engagement by conducting outreach to advocacy organizations, researchers and designers.

The Neighborhood Developers

Chelsea, MA, USA

Community Building / Real Estate Intern

Jun 2026-Sep 2026

- Developed educational brochures for the Housing Equity Committee, explaining Area Median Income (AMI), affordable housing programs, and housing affordability concepts to residents and community members.
- Designed simulation materials for housing lottery processes of affordable units in 25 Garvey St, Everett, MA.

Tsinghua University

Beijing, China

Research Assistant | Beijing's Aging Residential District Renovation & Study

Jan 2024-Jun 2025

- Designed a web-based application workflow with generative AI to produce facade design iterations, enabling residents to visualize renovation options for aging residential buildings.
- Conducted resident surveys to examine perceived safety and walkability in aging residential districts.

JZfz Architectural Design co., Ltd.

Chengdu, China

Architecture Intern

Jun 2024-Aug 2024

- Developed and prepared detailed construction drawings for an affordable housing community in Sichuan, China, contributing to site planning, unit layouts, and building documentation.

Hassell

Shanghai, China

Architecture Intern

Nov 2022-Feb 2023

- Produced building facade design iterations with Grasshopper and preliminary construction drawings for residential towers in a medical campus mixed-use development project in Shanghai, China.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ChinaGSD @ Harvard Graduate School of Design

Cambridge, MA, USA

Co-chair

Sep 2026-Present

- Organize and oversee lectures, career panels, cultural and social events for students interested in Chinese design practices.

Student Union @ School of Architecture, Tsinghua University

Beijing, China

Head of the Art and Entertainment Department

Jan 2022-Jan 2023

- Organized and directed events for student entertainment including annual festival, singing competition and ball.

SKILLS

Software: ArcGIS, Rhino, Grasshopper, AutoCAD, Adobe Suite, V-Ray, Python, C++, Microsoft Office

Research & Analysis: Real estate financial analysis, data visualization, quantitative analysis for social studies

Writing: Academic research writing, policy memos

Languages: English (TOEFL: 116/120), Mandarin (native)