Dharini Chandrashekar

Product/ UX Designer

✦ Open to full-time roles   ⌂ Open to relocation

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SUMMARY

- 4+ years of experience in UX design and research across government, nonprofit, and tech.
- Experienced in human-centered design, accessibility, and emerging technologies.
- Led end-to-end product initiatives: redesigns, workflow optimizations, and design systems.
- Designed for user testing tools, collaborative platforms, and digital infrastructures.
- Conducted UX research for multi-platform systems with web, mobile and VR experiences.
- Previous role as a software developer, transferring problem-solving and technical skills.
- Seeking UX opportunities in AI, XR, and accessibility-focused companies.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

UX Designer
Synthetic Reality Labs (SREAL), UCF

Jun 2024 - Present
Orlando, FL (Remote)

A Synthetic Reality Labs (SREAL) is a research lab focused on mixed reality, virtual reality, and simulation technologies in the University of Central Florida.

`Responsive Design` `Figma` `Design System` `JIRA` `SaaS` `VR/AR Research`

As the sole UX designer for the NSF-funded project called VERA, I built an accessible, reusable design system that empowered developers to build a tool for AR/VR researchers to remotely conduct XR studies, democratizing VR research and advancing human-subject innovation in immersive technologies.

Product Designer
College Park City-University Partnership

Sep 2024 - Present
College Park, MD (Remote)

A nonprofit community development organization working to make College Park a top-20 university community through economic welfare programs and initiatives.

`Redesign` `Figma` `Wordpress` `User Testing` `B2C` `Nonprofit`

Led the redesign of a 32+ page website, improving usability, WCAG 2.1 accessibility, and information architecture through a usability audit and content strategy, driving a 3x increase in community participation in the housing program.

Product Designer
Montgomery County Government

Sep 2023 - May 2024
College Park, MD

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) develops policies and programs for waste management.

`End-to-End UX` `Figma` `User Research` `Dashboard` `B2C` `Workflow Optimization`

Designed a Bin Delivery System tool that streamlined the scheduling and delivery workflow for recycling bins and carts, transforming a manual, multi-software process into a semi-automated system and reducing processing time by 40%.

UX Analyst
Accenture India Limited

May 2022 - Aug 2022
Bengaluru, India

The Accenture-Avanade Design Studio crafts human-centered digital experiences, integrating design, technology, and strategy with expertise in Microsoft technologies and cloud solutions to enhance user engagement and drive growth transformation.

`User Research` `Figma` `Dashboard` `SaaS` `Hiring Management`

Designed an internal hiring management dashboard at Accenture-Avanade Design Studio by developing user personas, journey maps, and Figma prototypes, aligning cross-functional teams around a user-centered hiring strategy through recruiter, candidate, and interviewer research.

EDUCATION

M.S in Human Computer Interaction
University of Maryland, College Park
Aug 2022 - May 2024

B.E in Electrical Engineering
Visvesvaraya Technological University, India
Aug 2014 - May 2018

SKILLS

Design & Research
User-centered design, Design thinking, Wireframing & prototyping, User Experience, Visual design, Information architecture, Accessibility & inclusive design, Micro-interactions, User research (qualitative & quantitative methods), Design systems & Component-based design, AI-driven design, Generative design.

Technical & Analytical
HTML, CSS, JavaScript, ReactJs, C, C#, Data analysis, KPIs & performance tracking, API.

Software & Tools
Figma, FigJam, Miro, GitHub, VS Code, Wordpress, Microsoft tools, Apple Dev Tools, Unity, JIRA.

Project Management & Leadership
Agile methodologies, Cross-functional collaboration, Design strategy, Roadmap planning, Stakeholder management, Design sprints, Content strategy, Process improvement & optimization, Accessibility compliance (WCAG), Mentoring & Team leadership.

CERTIFICATIONS

Google UX Design Certification   Sep 2021
Meta AR Developer   Jul 2023

AWARDS

Grand Prize Winner   Mar 2023
UMD Info Challenge 2023

2nd Runner Up   Apr 2023
Info School, UX Makeathon 2023

Graduate Teaching Assistant   2023 - 2024
UMD Info School, Dynamic Web Applications