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EDUCATION

Maryland Institute College of Art

2020 – MA in Illustration

Yeditepe University

2017 – BSc in Nutrition and Dietetics
GPA 2.67

EXPERIENCE

Organic Inspector – 2020/-

QCS

Organic inspection for Quality Certification Services, FL.

Teaching Assistant – 2020/2019

Maryland Institute College of Art

Teaching assistant for Art and Algorithms, Senior Fiber Thesis, Queer Feminist Sci Study, Forum (a special class at MICA for freshman students)

Trainer & Facilitator – 2019/2018

Global Project Partners

Screen printing facilitator and in-house designer for an Istanbul-based NGO.

Digital Marketing Manager – 2018/2017

StratejiCo.

Implementation and facilitation of the digital marketing strategy of a consultation company in Istanbul.

Owner & Founder – 2018/2017

Peachy Works

Production, marketing, and branding of a clothing brand that I founded.

Workshop Assistant – 2015/2014

Bitti Gitti

Giving screen-printing workshops as well as managing the social media of a creative makerspace in Istanbul.

DIGITAL SKILLS

Advanced

Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, After Effects)

Webflow (Web Design)

Runway ML

Intermediate

Rhino

p5.js

CircuitPython

Arduino

Grasshopper

Processing

PHYSICAL SKILLS

Soldering

Circuit board assembly

Printmaking: Screen printing, block printing, riso, linocut

Electronics and circuitry

3D printing

Laser cutter

Casting/Molding

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Problem solving, facilitation, decision-making, proactiveness, integrity, adaptability, delegation and leadership

PROFICIENCY

English – Fluent

Turkish – Native

IELTS 8.0

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

MICA – Graduate Research Grant

Soft Robotics Applied Research

MICA – Travel grant to Netherlands

MICA – Merit scholarship

MICA – Tuition crowdfunding

Yeditepe University – Merit scholarship

Istanbul Design Biennial – Project development award

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RESIDENCY & WORKSHOPS

Istanbul Design Biennial | 2020
Virtual designer-in-residence for the
"Designing into the Future" programme

**Art & Animals in the Age of AI and
Bioengineering | 2020**
5-week online course with We Make
Money Not Art founder Régine Debatty

Unbounded Potential | 2019
3-day long International Workshop with
Willem de Kooning Academy, Netherlands

Speculative Realism | 2019
Workshop session created for the class of
Interaction as Art at MICA

sat-su-ma Studio | 2018
One-week long natural dye retreat - 2018

Urbanism | 2018
Summer course in Bilgi University,
Istanbul

CERTIFICATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

**IOIA Processing Standards
Certificate | 2020**
Certification to become an organic
inspector

Crowdfunding | 2019
For funding at MICA

**Lean Start-Up Entrepreneurship
Certificate | 2017**
InnoCampus Start-Up Hackathon

Best Pitch Award | 2017
InnoCampus Start-Up Hackathon

EXHIBITIONS

Light Grey Labs | 2020
Virtual

MICA Grad Show II | 2020
Virtual

Temporary Room | 2020
Virtual

Unravel The Code | 2019
Baltimore, MD

Ladyfest | 2018
Istanbul, Turkey

Let's Talk About Notions, vol.II | 2018
Istanbul, Turkey

Let's Talk About Notions, vol.I | 2017
Istanbul, Turkey

PUBLICATIONS

Ian McHarg Center's Blog
For 1<WORLD<2 Open Call | [https://
mcharg.upenn.edu/blog/process-relational-
becoming](https://mcharg.upenn.edu/blog/process-relational-becoming)

Medium
Written as part of my thesis project
'Liminal Beings': [https://medium.
com/a-liminal-space/a-thinking-tool-
for-covid-19-and-beyond-liminality-
492a432f0ce1](https://medium.com/a-liminal-space/a-thinking-tool-for-covid-19-and-beyond-liminality-492a432f0ce1)

