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Education

2023/10 – 2027/03

Bachelor of Design for Product and Communication | HTW Dresden
current Grade: **1.2** (German scale, 1.0 = best), expected graduation March 2027

09/2014 – 07/2022

Abitur | Gymnasium Bürgerwiese, Dresden, Grade: **1.5** (German scale, 1.0 = best)
university entrance qualification

Relevant Professional Experience

09/2026 - present

Operations, Education & Events | boOst startup factory

- Host of DeepTech Connect (40+ monthly attendees) and Founders Circle
- Enhancing female representation in the startup ecosystem
- Supporting second incubator batch of boOst

10/2025 – 03/2026

Research Internship | Tectonic Formation Lab, RMIT University Melbourne

- Contributed to projects focusing on sustainable material combinations and advanced manufacturing techniques of recycling post-consumer plastics
- Independently developed a 3D-printed suitcase from initial concept to fully functional prototype, taking full responsibility for the entire process

03/2025 – 09/2025

Design Thinking Project | elevait GmbH, Dresden

- Developed prototype solutions for transparent and intuitive access rights
- Conducted user research, analysis, design and usability testing

03/2024 – 07/2025

Photo Studio Assistant | HTW Dresden

- Responsible for professional product photography, image editing, asset management (Photoshop, Lightroom) and visual storytelling for university projects

11/2022 – 07/2023

Au Pair & French Language Course | ELFE Paris École de langue française

Scholarships

08/2026 - 08/2026

Fulbright | Summer School “A Culture of Sustainability”, NC State University

09/2025 – 09/2026

Deutschlandstipendium | HTW Dresden

09/2025 – 10/2025

Saxony Science Ambassador | National Taipei University of Technology Taiwan

10/2024 – 07/2026

Entrepreneur Scholarship | YETI Dresden

Skills

UX/UI & Prototyping: Wireframing, Interactive Prototypes (Adobe XD/Figma), Design Thinking (Interviews, Validation), Interaction Design, Physical Computing

Software: Rhino, Autodesk Fusion 360, Adobe Creative Cloud, Video Editing & Motion Design, Basic JavaScript, Microsoft Office, Arduino

Languages: German (**native**) | English (**C1**) | French (**B2**)

Personal Strengths: leadership, teamwork, communication, persistence

Interests: 17+ years violin, orchestra, film shooting/editing, outdoor sports