

Sam Summer

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EXPERIENCE

Head of Product & Design at Upwave

MAY 2025 TO PRESENT | SEATTLE

- Owns product strategy and delivery for an AI talent platform that has executed 500K+ interviews
- Accelerates enterprise sales and development with high-fidelity coded prototypes
- Leads product discovery, translating ambiguous problems into testable PoCs
- Drove ARR from \$120K to over \$2.3M while serving as the company's sole designer

Principal Designer at Foundation Design

MAR 2021 TO MAY 2025 | SEATTLE

- Led design projects for 40+ clients ranging from Fortune 500s to deep-tech startups
- Shaped products through design systems, interaction models, and prototypes
- Partnered with Techstars and Open Core Ventures to support portfolio companies' growth
- Named a 2022 and 2023 Top Web Development Company by DesignRush

UX Designer at University of Washington Office of Research Information Services

OCT 2019 TO AUG 2021 | SEATTLE

- Led design of budget tool that manages \$1.77B in annual research funding
- Built and standardized design system used across multiple research products

Technical UX & UI Designer at Wisr (acquired by EAB)

AUG 2017 TO JUL 2019 | CLEVELAND

- Designed core features as first UX hire, driving growth from 5 to 40 clients
- Regularly contributed front-end code to implement designs

EDUCATION

University of Washington, MS in Human Centered Design & Engineering

SEP 2020 TO JUN 2023 (PART-TIME) | SEATTLE

- Conducted funded research with Airtable and the National Park Service; 3.99 GPA

University of Pennsylvania, BA in Architecture (Design concentration)

AUG 2013 TO MAY 2017 | PHILADELPHIA

- Awarded John & Beatrice Wesley Memorial Prize in Design; magna cum laude