

Nadia Mariyan Smith

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Education

PhD , Information <i>University of Toronto</i>	Expected 2030
Master of Information , User Experience Design <i>University of Toronto</i>	2025
Bachelor of Fine Arts , Photography <i>Concordia University</i>	2021

Professional Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant <i>Faculty of Information, University of Toronto</i>	September 2025 – Present
• Assistance with course administration, including facilitating activities and providing feedback to students during practicums, and grading assignments.	
Research Assistant <i>Just Sustainability Design Lab, University of Toronto</i>	January 2025 – Present
• Under the supervision of Dr. Christoph Becker, conduct primary and secondary research for various projects, submit REB proposals, write academic papers, and facilitate conference presentations and workshops.	
Patient Partner Committee Member <i>Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Toronto</i>	March 2024 – Present
• Participate in monthly committee meetings with faculty, healthcare professionals, and research teams to provide feedback on research projects, communications, and educational materials from a patient perspective.	
• Write and design patient-facing communication materials including newsletters, surveys, committee updates, and research summaries.	
Experience Designer <i>XD Lab, Government of Ontario</i>	May – December 2024
• Worked on four team projects, each spanning different stages in the design development cycle (discover, define, ideate, prototype, test).	
• Designed and conducted primary research activities, including interviews, usability tests, and ethnographic studies, to create, evaluate, and enhance services.	
• Collaborated with cross-functional teams to ensure research findings informed product iterations, while promoting user-centered, inclusive, and ethical design practices.	

Mutual Aid Experience

Food Server, Driver <i>Food Not Bombs, Toronto</i>	2024 – Present
Event Volunteer <i>Sistering, Toronto</i>	2024
Curatorial Committee Member <i>The ArQuives, Toronto</i>	2023
Library Committee Member <i>QPIRG McGill Alternative Library, Montréal</i>	2021 – 2023
Collections Assistant <i>Artexte Information Centre, Montréal</i>	2022
Computer Centre Desk Attendant <i>Atwater Library, Montréal</i>	2022
Book Donation Sorter <i>Books to Prisoners, Montréal</i>	2022
Peacekeeper, Buddy <i>Every Child Matters March, Montréal</i>	2020 – 2022
Gallery Assistant, Jury Member <i>Art Matters & Concordia Photo Collective, Montréal</i>	2020 – 2022
Food Server, Gardener <i>The People's Potato, Montréal</i>	2020 – 2022
Goodreads Librarian <i>Goodreads, remote</i>	2021
Transcriber <i>Library of Congress, remote</i>	2021
Open Librarian <i>Internet Archive, remote</i>	2021

Additional Experience

Photographic Archivist <i>The Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, Fredericton</i>	2022 – 2023
Specialized Indigenous Child & Youth Support Worker <i>Binkadi Community Services, Victoria</i>	2021
Seasonal Postal Clerk <i>Canada Post, Montréal</i>	2019 – 2021

Community Event Coordinator <i>West 4th Avenue Business Improvement Association, Vancouver</i>	2019
Community Event Coordinator <i>Fairbank Village Business Improvement Association, Toronto</i>	2018
Revising Deputy Returning Officer (RDRO) <i>Elections Ontario, Toronto</i>	2018
Server, Shift Manager <i>Krepesz, Toronto</i>	2015 – 2018

Skills and Qualifications

Primary research (survey, interview, usability, observation, and ethnography methods)	Adobe Suite	Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans Certification
Secondary research (literature, task, and comparative review methods)	Microsoft Suite	Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) training
Qualitative and quantitative analysis	Google Suite	Trauma-Focused Caregiving Certification
Sketching, wireframing and prototyping	Figma	Naloxone Certification
	GitHub	Accessibility Note-Taker Certification
	VS Code	
	Miro	