

taranamol kaur

researcher & designer

Three years in leading, implementing and conducting Design Research in multidisciplinary and multi-lingual teams. Two years in UX Engineering.

My heart is rooted in diverse communities where my focus is to connect with who I am building for -- addressing the most difficult challenges. I thrive in spaces where I get to truly understand the users' day to day life, their struggles, their motivations.

I hold a BA in Political Science and International Development with a minor in English from UC San Diego.

DESIGN SKILLS

Design Workshops
Contextual Inquiry
One-on-One Interviews
Remote Interviews
Synthesis
Personas
Journey Mapping
Heuristic Analysis
Information Architecture
Wireframing
Rapid Prototyping
Usability Testing
Partner Management
Facilitation & Presentation
Front-End Engineering

TOOLS

Sketch
InVision
Validately
Respondent.io
Keynote
Frontify
Asana
Notion
Github

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CURRENT EXPERIENCE

Design Researcher

Originate, Inc. San Francisco, CA / February 2017 - Current

As the sole designer focusing on research, I advocate, implement, and lead design research in client projects, workshops, business development opportunities while streamlining the research practice through toolkits. In projects, I conduct full stack design research from recruiting to interviewing to synthesizing and working with other designers to implement findings in prototypes and creative direction.

Designer, Lecturer

RepresentEd Berkeley, CA / November 2016 - Current

Facilitate and guide fellows through design thinking process as they solve problems for real clients. Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams to implement design research and HCD practices throughout the organization.

Design Researcher & Strategist

Jakara Movement California / April 2018 - Current

Conduct design research in multilingual and multicultural settings to understand impact of programming and community organizing. Facilitate design thinking classes for Jakara Fellowship focusing on projects ranging from mental health awareness with the Sikh elderly, creating resources for incarcerated women in the bay, waste management systems in Panjab, and social justice programs for at-risk youth.

PAST EXPERIENCE

Designer

3 Queens Design Oakland, CA / September 2016 - Current

Researcher & Designer, Contract

Veterans Affairs San Francisco, CA / November 2016

UX Engineer & Front-End Developer

SmartZip Analytics Bay Area, CA / November 2015 - September 2016

Research Associate, Contract

UserZoom San Francisco Bay Area, CA / March 2015 - November 2015

UX Associate & Front-End Developer

Oxford Tech + UX Berkeley, CA / April 2014 - June 2015