

UMA AKALKOTKAR

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Recent college graduate with 3+ years of lighting & compositing, motion graphics, and video editing experience and a love for film looking for full-time work.

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Dallas | BA: Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication Aug. 2017–May 2021

- Animation Pathway
- National Merit Scholars Program, awarded full merit scholarship
- Studied sociology in Switzerland and Italy through UTD in Summer 2019.
- GPA: 3.7 / 4.0 — Collegium V Honors, Cum Laude

EXPERIENCE

VFX Admin, Video Editor | GVFXArmy Nov. 2020–Present

- Provide support and tutorials to amateur video editors and co-run social media.
- Co-led the production of and created graphics for a 50-page zine with 30+ contributors.

Creative Team Member, Strategy Consultant | JUV Consulting Oct. 2018–Jun. 2020

- Created presentations and graphics for clients to help better their audience engagement.

Graphic Design/Social Media Intern | Aguillon & Associates May 2019–Jun. 2019

- Designed flyers, managed social media, and created motion graphics advertisements for clients.

PROJECTS

Editor | Shakti May 2021–Present

- Editor of 3D animated student short Shakti. Deliver weekly iterations of the animatic.

Writer, Director, & Editor | Dear Diary Spring 2021

- Wrote, directed, shot, and edited a 2-minute short film Dear Diary for my capstone project.

Lighting & Compositing Co-Lead | Night Shift Aug. 2020–Dec. 2020

- Co-led the lighting & comp team for ATEC Animation Lab's 3-min. 3D animated short Night Shift.
- Created light rigs for 2 scenes for a team of 9 lighters. Lit and composited 5 shots.

Lighting & Compositing Artist | Strings Aug. 2020–Dec. 2020

- Lit and composited 4 shots for 4-min. 3D animated student short Strings.

PUBLICATION

Editor | Deathwish Oct. 2018–Present

- Editor of Deathwish, an indie fan-comic currently on its fourth issue.

Features Editor | Acentric Magazine Nov. 2018–Jun. 2021

- Wrote features, assigned work to writers, edited articles, and corresponded with artists' PR.

Editor | UNDO Oct. 2019–Nov. 2019

- Created and edited UNDO, a zine focused on undoing the stigma surrounding mental health.

SOFTWARE

- Adobe: Photoshop, Lightroom, After Effects, Premiere Pro
- Microsoft Office Suite, Nuke, Shotgun, Procreate
- Arnold for Maya, Autodesk Maya

ACTIVITIES

- Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Sorority
- Korean language learning
- Film and digital photography