CURRICULUM VITAE

# MARYAM VAHID ESMAEILI

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Graphic Designer · Visual Artist · University Lecturer

Seeking a **full-time, on-site position** in Freiburg im Breisgau, Heidelberg or Mannheim

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  Preferred: Freiburg · Heidelberg · Mannheim
- Work permit
  Valid throughout Germany (with approval of the immigration office)


## EDUCATION

**M.A. Animation**
2024 · University College of Nabi Akram, Tabriz

**B.A. Visual Communication**
2017 · University College of Nabi Akram, Tabriz

**Associate Degree, Graphic Design**
2011 · University of Applied Science and Technology, Tabriz

**Diploma, Graphic Design**
Vocational high school

## LANGUAGES

| | |
|---|---|
| Persian | Native |
| Turkish / Azerbaijani | Native |
| English | Fluent |
| German | A2 |

Integration course in progress

## SOFTWARE

Illustrator · Photoshop · InDesign · After Effects · Premiere · MS Office

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## PROFILE

Multidisciplinary graphic designer and visual artist with 15+ years of experience across brand identity, packaging, print, digital painting and ceramics, and 10+ years of teaching graphic design, most recently as a university lecturer (Dozentin) at Islamic Azad University. I combine hand-made processes — painting, calligraphy and clay — with digital design, and I am known for punctuality, professionalism and clear communication. My digital work was selected for the NFT.NYC "60 Alpha" contest from over 5,000 submissions and shown on Times Square billboards.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**2024 – 2025** — **University Lecturer, Graphic Design (B.A.)**
Islamic Azad University, Tabriz Branch

- Taught specialised undergraduate courses in graphic design.
- Took part in the art professors' group exhibition of the university (2025).

**since 2024** — **Founder & Designer**
Honar Bar Tan ("Art on Body") — own fashion & accessories brand

- Turn my calligraphy and paintings into printed scarves, t-shirts, sweatshirts, dresses, bags and sneakers.
- Responsible for the full process, from the first brush stroke to the finished product.

**since 2021** — **Digital Artist & NFT Creator (freelance)**
Foundation · Objkt · Manifold · KnownOrigin · Exchange · OmniFlix · Kreate

- Released 7+ collections of one-of-one digital paintings; 100+ primary and 30+ secondary edition sales on Objkt.
- Exhibited at NFT NYC 2024, 2025 and 2026, including Times Square billboards.

**2021** — **VIP Manager & Graphic Designer**
Penguin Snow Park · 6 months

- VIP guest management, graphic design and social media content creation.

**2021** — **Graphic Content Designer**
Radannam Company (banking card readers) · 6 months

- Designed the corporate identity, product catalogue and stationery system.

## EXPERTISE

Brand identity · Logo design · Packaging · Print & dielines · Digital painting · Illustration · Animation · Product photography · Calligraphy painting · Acrylic painting · Ceramics & pottery · Teaching

## TEACHING

University lecturer, graphic design

Conservatory & pre-university graphic design courses

Art lessons for primary school children

Private classes in design software (2011 – 2022)

Pottery workshops, basic to advanced (since 2019)

## MEMBERSHIPS

**AIA France**
since 2023

**Tabriz Graphic Designers Society**
since 2022

**East Azerbaijan Advertising Trade Association**
since 2009 · licence holder of Maghsad Advertising Agency

## CERTIFICATES

ICDL — International Computer Driving Licence

Pedagogy (teaching methods)

Management

Painting on pottery

Hand-made pottery & ceramics

Digital painting

## STRENGTHS

Punctual · Reliable · Clear communicator · Confident presenter · Hands-on · Team leadership

# WORK EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

**2019 — Graphic Designer & Product Photographer**
Tansoo Plastic Products Factory · 1 year

- Designed moulds and labels for polypropylene containers; product photography.

**2014 — Graphic Design Lecturer**
Yeganeh Art School · 6 years

- Taught all specialised graphic design courses at conservatory level and pre-university level.
- Taught art lessons to primary school children.

**2013 — Managing Director & Franchisee**
Maghsad Advertising Agency · 5 years

- Ran the agency: clients, design team, print production and budgets.

# EXHIBITIONS & AWARDS

**2026** — NFT NYC Exhibition & Times Square billboards, New York

**2025** — Solo exhibition — calligraphy painting

**2025** — Group exhibition of art professors, Islamic Azad University, Tabriz

**2025** — NFT NYC & Collect Platform — artwork on Times Square billboards (2 days)

**2025** — WOLDA — Worldwide Logo Design Award: NURA Leather identity presented

**2024** — NFT.NYC "60 Alpha" — selected from 5,000+ submissions; one week on Times Square billboards

**2024** — NFT NYC Exhibition, New York

**2023** — FIAP France Exhibition

**2017** — Solo painting exhibition

**2010** — Graphic design group exhibition (organiser)

# CONFERENCES & PAPERS

**2026 — "Vessels of Time: Haldi and Dionysos in Pottery from Urartu to Olympus"**
21st Int. Conference on the Arts in Society — University of Athens, Greece
Paper accepted.

**2025 — "Animating History: A Tale Told by Urartian Pottery"**
20th Int. Conference on the Arts in Society — Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA
Invited oral presentation; certificate of presentation.

**2025 — "From Workshop to Augmented Reality: Rethinking Art Education in the Age of Digital Aesthetics"**
10th Int. Conference on Education, Teaching and Learning (ARETL), Berlin
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