

# Lù Chén

design research & media art

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## Education

2020 – now **Aalto University**  
Espoo, Finland  
Master of Arts in New Media, Minor in Creative Sustainability;  
Bachelor of Arts in Design and Media, Minor in Information  
Design, Thesis "From Workshops to Civic Life:  
Participatory Design in Supporting Immigrants'  
Civic Engagement in Finland"

2012 – 2016 **National University of Singapore**  
Singapore  
Bachelor of Computing (Honours) in Information Systems;  
Thesis "E-commerce Websites' Accessibility for Visually  
Impaired Users"

2015, Spring **Sabanci University**  
İstanbul, Turkey  
Exchange studies, Computer Science and Visual Arts

## Work Experience

2023 – now **Aalto University**  
Espoo, Finland  
**Research Assistant**  
**Nokia Design Archive** - Designed and developed the digital  
archival portal;  
**RISE Network** in Fashion & Textile - Visualised the doctoral  
network and the literature review;  
**Department of Art & Media** workload visualizer

2024 – now **Teaching Assistant**  
Assisted the teaching and tutored BA students for course  
"Introduction to Research in Design and Media"

Sep, 2025 **Kolibri Festivaali**  
Vantaa, Finland  
**Art & Craft Workshop for Children**  
"A Lantern for Wishes" with Burak Türköz

Jun-Aug, 2023 **Startup Refugees x Flow Festival**  
Helsinki, Finland  
**Space & Visual Design**  
Designed and constructed the "Urban Oasis" tent at Flow

Oct-Dec, 2022 **ATARCA EU**  
Helsinki, Finland  
**Research Assistant**  
Produced educational video "Food futures: Learning by Doing";  
finalist of the **World Commons Week Teaching Video Contest**

2016 - 2020 **Titansoft Pte Ltd**  
Singapore  
**User Experience Designer**  
Led the internal git-based design system project to improve  
knowledge management across offices;

May-Jul, 2013 **AIESEC "World without Borders"**  
Kyiv, Ukraine  
**Volunteer Summer School Teacher, Kyiv, Ukraine**  
Designed and conducted 8 learning sessions about cross-cultural  
communication for primary and upper secondary level students

## Exhibitions

2025, Imatra, Finland  
**"Välillä Väärässä"**  
**Group Exhibition**  
**Imatran Väärätalo**  
Participatory art project "Lost & Found"  
with Vera Rantamaa

2025, Helsinki, Finland  
**Panoramic Unapologetic**  
**Kinetic Embodiment**  
**Asbestos Art Space**  
Mixed media works with Vertti Luostarinen

2024, Helsinki, Finland  
**Aavistus x Off The Wall**  
**Helsinki City Museum**  
Audiovisual short "Sonic Fetus / 阵痛"

2015, İstanbul, Turkey  
**"Studies on Photobook"**  
**Group Exhibition**  
**Gallery Mixer**  
Artist book "Echo/回响"

## Honours & Awards

2023 & 2025, International  
**Information is Beautiful Awards**  
**Short List (2025)**  
Project "Nokia Design Archive"  
**Long List (2023)**  
Project "Immigration in Finnish Election:  
An analysis on voting machine data"

2018, Singapore  
**Adobe x General Assembly**  
**Creative Jam**  
**Best Experience Design Award &  
People's Choice Award**  
Prototype of digital service "**SoulMate:  
Inter-generational Solidarity through  
Urban Farming**" for "creating thriving  
neighborhoods in Singapore"

## Languages

**Chinese** native / bilingual

**English** native / bilingual

**Japanese** JLPT N2

**Finnish** A1~A2