

EDUCATION

PhD Student and Research Assistant in Design-Interior Design Program

- University of Minnesota, USA (Expected Completion: 2027)
- Fully-funded offer with roles as TA & RA.
- Awards: Buckman Fellowship (\$4,779, Fall 2023), DHA Block Grant (\$9,620, Fall 2023), CDES Provost Fellowship (\$1,667, Fall 2023), Design Graduate Fellowship (\$18,496, 2022-2023).

Continuous Master of Architecture

- Azad University (IAU), Hamedan, IRAN (Completed in February 2009)
- Thesis: "Sustainable Design Through ICT: A Case Study on Regeneration Qeytarieh Worn-out Urban Texture in Tehran, Iran"
- GPA: 3.79

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Human Behavior, Health & Wellbeing, Environmental Psychology, Healthy Building & Sustainability, Extended Reality, Artificial Intelligence. Human-Centered Design, Transition Design, Research-through-Design, Computer-Aided Design & Design Computing, Interaction Design.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: TEACHING & WORK EXPERIENCE

- Lecturer, Department of Interior Design, Soore University, Tehran, Iran (2010–2021).
- Adjunct Instructor, International Campus, Department of Architecture, Tehran University, Kish Islands, Iran (2010–2011).
- Instructor, Department of Graphic Design, University of Applied Science and Technology, Tehran, Iran (2009–2010).
- Instructor, Training Center of Tehran University, Department of Decoration Design, Tehran, Iran (2006–2009).
- Teacher, Technical and Vocational High School, Architecture & Building Drawing, Tehran, Iran (2005-2006).

ENTREPRENEURIAL VENTURES

- Co-founder & CEO, *AKAD Design Group* (Since 2009). www.akaddesign.com
- Co-founder & CEO, *Maan Honar Armani* (Since 2011). www.honararmani.com

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- Jury member of third international conference on architecture engineering and town planning, Tehran, IRAN. 2021
- Member of the founding board, National Award of Iran's Architecture, IRAN. 2020
- Member of the Cultural and Artistic Institute of the Foundation of Islamic Architecture of Iran. 2017
- Member of International Association of Designers, (IAD). 2016
- Member of International Design Club, (IDC). 2016
- Executive Director in National Convention of Future Architecture Prospects and Strategies of Iran, Tehran, IRAN. 2016
- Faculty member of International Symposium, Architecture and Urban Design of Iranian and Italian Universities, Tehran, IRAN. 2013
- Member of Professional Council, Department of Interior Design, at Soore University, Tehran, IRAN. 2012
- Member of Iran Construction Engineering Organization (IRCEO). 2008
- Member of Editorial Board, Quarterly Journal of Architecture & Urban Design, IRAN. 2008
- Member of Iranian Architects Society, IRAN. 2007
- President of the Students and Alumni Association of the College of Art and Architecture, Azad University, IRAN.2002

- **Bronze Medal, A'Design International Architecture Award & Competition, ITALY. 2018**
- **Bronze Medal, A'Design International Interior Design Award & Competition, ITALY. 2017**
- **Winner of Architizer A+ Awards, USA. 2016**
- **Silver Medal, A'Design International Interior Design Award & Competition, ITALY. 2016**
- **Silver Medal, A'Design International Interior Design Award & Competition, ITALY. 2015**
- **Honorable mention in International Luxury Design Awards, ITALY. 2015**
- **Bronze Medal, International Design Awards (IDA), USA. 2014**
- **Honorable mention, 6th annual Interior Architecture of Iran, Tehran, IRAN. 2013**
- **Honorable mention, Scientific Convention of 3rd Fajr International Festival of Visual Arts, IRAN. 2010**
- **Winner of Architecture and Urban Design Competition, Tehran Municipality, IRAN. 2007**

ARTICLES

- **"Optimizing Human-Centered Design: A Framework Based on AI-Driven Extended Reality"** PhD research project, University of Minnesota, In progress.
- **"Feasibility of AI and XR in Optimizing Human-Centered Architectural Spaces: A Scoping Review"**, International Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Image Processing, and Computer Science, Washington, D.C., United States of America, In progress.
- **Towards a healthy living space design based on human behavior in epidemic conditions with a computational design approach.** 2nd International Congress of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Environment. Helsinki, FINLAND. November 2022.
- **Design computing approach regarding spatial configuration based on human behavior for the pathology of indoor spaces during the pandemic,** The 5th international conference on new ideas in architecture, urban planning, geography, and sustainable environment, Mashhad, IRAN. October 2022. Presented.
- **Redesigning living spaces based on a computational design to achieve a healthy building with the approach of preventing the spread of infections and viruses.** The 6th International Conference on Civil Engineering, Architecture and Urban Planning, Tehran, IRAN. September 2022. Presented.
- **The Effectiveness of applying AI in enhancing Indoor Health (Investigation of the Effect of Artificial Intelligence in Interior Spaces with the Approach of Preventing COVID-19 in "Shirkuh" Residential Unit by Dynamic System Method),** 4th International Conference & 5th National Conference on Civil Engineering, Architecture, and Urban Design, Tabriz, IRAN, March 2022. Presented.
- **Review of living space design principles and standards during the Corona pandemic and the need to redefine them in the post-corona world,** 7th International Congress on Civil Engineering, Architecture, and Urban Development, Tehran, Iran, December 2021. Presented.
- **Effectiveness of using artificial intelligence in building energy sustainability" Investigation the application of AI in the energy sustainability of IPMI building using dynamic systems development method"**, 6th International Conference on Civil, Architecture and Urban Management. Tbilisi, GEORGIA, October 2021. Presented.

BOOKS (AUTHOR)

- **"Interior Design from Architecture to Interior Decoration"**, by Mohammad Mahdi Fakhimi, Tehran: Parham Naghsh Publications, (Sixth Edition) 2022, Softcover, 252 pages, ISBN 978-600-91453-6-2.
- **"Recognition of Iranian architecture, Concepts and Contexts"**, by Mohammad Mahdi Fakhimi, Tehran: *Mahdi Fakhimi* Publications, 2019, Softcover, 302 pages, ISBN 978-600-04-9684-5.
- **"Tele-Democratic Architecture and Urban Design"**, by Mohammad Mahdi Fakhimi, Tehran: Parham Naghsh Publications, 2011, Softcover, 252 pages, ISBN 978-600-91453-8-6.

BOOKS CHAPTERS

- **Kashan Hotel, Architectural Project by Mohammad Mahdi Fakhimi, A'Design Award & Competition, Winner Designs 2017-2018,** DESIGNER Press (ITALY), Hardcover, 409 pages, ISBN 978-88-97977-22-3, Page 341, #67160.
- **NTC Office, Interior Design Project by Mohammad Mahdi Fakhimi, A'Design Award & Competition, Winner Designs 2016-2017,** DESIGNER Press (ITALY), Hardcover, 563 pages, ISBN 978-88-97977-19-3, Page 392, #51517.
- **Chocoben Store, Interior Design Project by Mohammad Mahdi Fakhimi, A+Awards Architizer 2016,** PHAIDON Press (USA), Hardcover, 241 pages, ISBN 978-0-7148-7287-2, page 230, Architecture and Ceiling.
- **Chocoben Store by Mohammad Mahdi Fakhimi, A'Design Award & Competition, Winner Designs 2015-2016,** DESIGNER Press (ITALY), Hardcover, 540 pages, ISBN 978-88-97977-16-2, Page 263, #4600.
- **Face Top Clinic, Interior Design Project by Mohammad Mahdi Fakhimi, A'Design Award & Competition, Winner Designs 2014-2015,** DESIGNER Press (ITALY), Hardcover, 315 pages, ISBN 978-88-97977-10-0, Page 108, #3634.

- **Festival of Architecture & Interior Designing Conference**, The Lalit Mumbai, **INDIA**. December, 2018
- **Utopa International Design Exhibition**, Further Exhibition at Utopa International Design Exhibition Shen NonTai YangCheng, Hu Nan Province, **CHINA**, December 2017 - March 2018
- **40 x 40 Exhibition Budapest**, Further Exhibition at 40 x 40 Exhibition Budapest Projekt Galéria, Budapest, **HUNGARY**, October 2017.
- **Grand Design Exhibition**, Further Exhibition at Grand Design Exhibition Bologna Design Week, Bologna, **ITALY**, September - October 2016.
- **Award Winning Designs Exhibition**, Further Exhibition at Award Winning Designs Exhibition Cube Design Museum, Kerkrade, **NETHERLANDS**, July – August 2016.
- **Prime Design Hub Exhibition**, Further Exhibition at Prime Design Hub Exhibition Dublin Castle, Dublin, **IRELAND**, October 2015.
- **Coletivo Brasil Design Exhibition**, Further Exhibition at Coletivo Brasil Design Exhibition Escola Pan Americana, San Paulo, **BRAZIL**, August 2015.
- **40 x 40 Exhibition Santander**, Further Exhibition at 40 x 40 Exhibition Santander Espacio Ricardo Lorenzo, Santander, **SPAIN**, April - May 2015.
- **Art Institute of Tehran**, Architecture week, Tehran, **IRAN**, April - May 2014.

- **ALEF Clinic, Interior Design & Construction**, Tehran, Iran. 2020
- **JAHANARAEI Physicians Building, Architecture & Interior Design**, Kashan, Iran. 2019
- **KASHAN International Hotel, Architecture & Interior Design**, Kashan, Iran. 2018
- **TITANIUM High-rise, Architecture & Interior Design**, Kish Island, Iran. 2018
- **LABELL Office, Interior Design & Construction**, Tehran, Iran. 2017
- **SAEIDI Residential, Architecture & Interior Design**, Qazvin, Iran. 2017
- **GIVOVA Sport Stores, Interior Design & Implementation**, Iran. 2016
- **IPMI Office Building, Facade Design Competition**, Tehran, Iran. 2015
- **CHOCOBEN Confectionery Store, Architecture & Interior Design & Construction**, Tehran, Iran. 2015
- **JAME JAM Jewelry Store, Interior Design & Facade Design**, Tehran, Iran. 2015
- **HESSE KHOUBE ZENDEGI Spa and Wellness, Interior Design**, Tehran, Iran. 2015
- **DAMOON Villa, Architecture & Interior Design**, Tehran, Iran. 2014
- **LILIUM Great Hall of The Palace, Architecture & Interior Design**, Saveh, Iran. 2014
- **ANNA villa, Architecture & Interior Design, Roudehen**, Iran. 2013
- **HORMOZ Arabic Restaurant, Interior Design & Construction**, Tehran, Iran. 2013
- **SEPIDKOUH Residential Complex, Interior Design & Construction**, Tehran, Iran. 2012
- **JORDAN Office Building, Interior Design**, Tehran, Iran. 2012
- **FACE TOP Clinic, Dr Shariati, Interior Design & Construction**, Tehran, Iran. 2011
- **JAVAN Sport Complex, Interior Design & Construction**, Tehran, Iran. 2011
- **GARDENIA Hotel, Lobby Interior Design**, Kish Island, Iran. 2010
- **SEZAR Store, Interior Design & Construction**, Kish Islands, Iran. 2009

- JAMEJAM International Channel, **Interview with Mahdi Fakhimi "Impact of the Corona Pandemic on Interior Design"**, 26th of August 2021.
- Design Legends ("DL") International magazine, **"Exclusive Interview with Mahdi Fakhimi"**, 21st of October 2018.
- 7th TV Channel, **"Exclusive Interview with Mahdi Fakhimi"**, 13th of January 2018.
- MEMAR News, **Report: "Take a look at Project Award-winning A'Design competition"**, 16th of April 2017.
- MANZEL Monthly, **"Exclusive Interview with Mahdi Fakhimi"**, 21st of December 2016.
- MEMAR News, **Report: "Appreciation of Mohammad Mahdi Fakhimi"**, 16th of May 2016.
- MEMAR News, **"Exclusive Interview with Mahdi Fakhimi"**, 19th April 2016.
- MASHREGH News Agency, **Report: "Winning two important international awards by a young Iranian architect"**, 16th of April 2016.
- IRNA News Agency, **Report: "Proud of the Iranian designer for the third year in a row in world competitions"**, 16th of April 2016.
- MEMAR News, **Report: "Iranian Designer in Final of American International Design Competition"**, 16th of March 2016.
- IRIB News, **Report: "Making the Iranian architect proud in Italian competitions"**, 15th of June 2015.
- SHARGH Daily Newspaper, **Report: "Iranian architect is one of the top four luxury design architects in the word"**, 2nd of June 2015.
- IRAN-DAILY Newspaper, **"Exclusive Report: Iranian wins Int'l design award"**, 23rd of April 2015.
- IRNA News Agency, **Report: "The Iranian designer won the silver medal at the 2015 World Architecture Competition"**, 21st of April 2015.

REFEREES / REFERENCES

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