

AYA PETRI

GRADUATE INTERN

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Creative Professional with a background in Literature, Creative Writing, and East Asian Studies, with a strong interest in editorial publishing, storytelling, and content development. A recent graduate and emerging writer, I am currently developing original projects while building on mentorship from professors and published authors.

My academic and creative experience has strengthened my research, editing, communication and organizational skills, along with a strong sensitivity to narrative, audience, and cultural context. I am proficient in Adobe Creative Suite and MS Office Suite, and have experience with archival work, digital asset organization and content development. Highly adaptable and detail-oriented, I thrive in both independent and collaborative environments, and am seeking opportunities to contribute strong editorial support, creative insight, and a thoughtful approach to storytelling in publishing.

WEBSITE AND PROFILES

<https://www.ayapetri.com>
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INTERESTS

Literature and Experimental Writing
Visual Storytelling and Design
Digital Illustration
Japanese Language and Culture

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance

2021.01 - Present

Aya Petri - Graphic and Motion Design, Toronto, ON

My commissioned work focuses on creating innovative visual content through a blend of digital illustration, motion design, graphic design, and professional editing. I develop visual and editorial content for commissioned projects, balancing creative direction, client communication and deadline management.

- manage multiple tasks while remaining adaptable and flexible.
- manage and coordinate multiple projects while ensuring timely completion.
- respond quickly to meet client needs and resolve problems.
- focused on learning new skills and staying updated with new software.
- participate in ongoing training to enhance my job skills and knowledge.
- skilled in Adobe Creative Suite and MS Office, as well as various other softwares.

Junior Print Designer / Junior Editor

2023.01 - 2023.09

The Design Foundation, Toronto, ON

As a Junior Print Designer I contributed to the work for the Delaware Museum of Nature & Science, focusing on the design and implementation of presentation documents. I also assisted in editing animated media segments using provided assets, for an interactive within the museum exhibit. In all, I supported editorial and production workflows for the media materials, creating video editing, print materials, and content development and production coordination.

- discussed and determined layout design.
- planned the visual presentation of materials.
- created sample print layouts and motion design based on knowledge and direction of layout principles and aesthetic design concepts.
- prepared rough layouts of materials, discussing them with supervisors and making necessary changes.
- determined the size and arrangement of illustrative materials and copy.
- ensured accuracy in proofreading before completing documents.
- performed quality assurance checks and proofreading checks on all final documents prior to delivery to the client.
- maintained an archive of images, photos and previous work assets.
- demonstrated good communication skills when interacting with internal teams or external clients.

Student Internship

2022.03 - 2022.08

The Design Foundation, Toronto, ON

I managed and provided file standardization for the digitization of 35 mm slide assets. This also involved a high level of detail regarding: image processing, cropping, straightening, exposure adjustment, removal of dust and scratches. A high level of accuracy was taken in file formatting (TIFF and JPEG-final image vs. viewing image) and data management. Back up and storage to three locations (computer, hard drive, Cloud) was the final crucial step in the archival process.

- collaborated with department leaders to establish organizational goals and objectives.
- identified ways to improve efficiency and implemented process changes.
- developed a file naming protocol and file management system for all archived assets.

ACHIEVEMENTS

First Year Honour Roll Recipient,
York University

Second year Honour Roll Recipient,
York University

SOFTWARE

Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe After Effects
Adobe Premiere
Adobe InDesign
Adobe Acrobat
Adobe Lightroom
MS Office Suite
Clip Studio Paint
Procreate

SKILLS

Creative writing and literary analysis
Critical thinking and problem-solving
Communication strategies
Teamwork and collaboration
Multitasking and time management
Attention to detail and adaptability
Positive attitude and dependability

LANGUAGES

Japanese (Advanced)

Student Winner

2019.03

Yonge Street Mural Competition, Toronto, ON

I designed and developed print-ready large-format panels for a temporary outdoor display installation. The images explored city life, public space, urban culture and contemporary urban scenarios. I created mixed-media visual compositions using original photography, digital editing and superimposed graphic design elements.

- modeled self discipline by properly managing and allocating time to produce the images while completing assignments for school.
- built trusted professional relationships with teachers using strong listening and engagement skills.
- developed the ability to work independently.

EDUCATION

York University, Toronto, ON

Sept 2025 - April 2026

*Bachelor of Arts (B.A.): Liberal Arts and Professional Studies,
Literature and Creative Writing*

York University, Toronto, ON

Sept 2019 - April 2020

*Bachelor of Arts (B.A.): Liberal Arts and Professional Studies,
Literature and Creative Writing*

York University, Toronto, ON

Sept 2016 - April 2019

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.): East Asian Studies

Education First, Tokyo, Japan

June/July 2018

*Language Certificate: Japanese
Four Credit University equivalent*

Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Toronto, ON

Sept 2016 - April 2017

*Language Certificate: Japanese
Successful completion of Advanced Level 3
Conversational Japanese Language Studies*

Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Toronto, ON

Sept 2015 - April 2016

*Language Certificate: Japanese
Successful completion of Advanced Level 1 and 2
Conversational Japanese Language Studies*

Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Toronto, ON

Sept 2014 - April 2015

*Language Certificate: Japanese
Successful completion of Intermediate Level 2 and 3
Conversational Japanese Language Studies
Special Achievement:
I was placed in Level 2 Intermediate Japanese Language Studies after an assessment of my language skills, bypassing all Beginner courses, and Level 1 of the Intermediate Level course. I was the only student to be accepted below the age 18 minimum, beginning at age 15.*