

WHERE DO HCDE ALUMNI WORK?

Career paths

HCDE graduates work in many industries as designers and researchers who improve people's interactions with technology and with the world around them. Graduates find roles as user researchers, user experience (UX) designers, design researchers, experience strategists, and product managers.

Industries

Roughly half of HCDE graduates work in the technology industry. Other common industries HCDE graduates work include education, healthcare, media, government, and non-profit sectors.

Companies

Major companies that employ HCDE graduates include Adobe, Alaska Airlines, Amazon, Apple, AT&T, Boeing, Disney, Expedia, Hewlett-Packard, IBM Design, Intel, Meta, Microsoft, Netflix, Nike, Starbucks, Tableau, T-Mobile, and Wikimedia.

SENIOR CAPSTONE DESIGN PROJECTS

The senior capstone project is the culmination of undergraduate coursework. Recent projects include:

- > Globally Accessible Water Testing
Sponsor: PATH
- > Using Microsoft tools to design an AI-powered work management tool
Sponsor: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)
- > Imagining the next generation of at-home social experiences
Sponsor: Sony
- > Enhancing Bellevue's Park Signage for All
Sponsor: City of Bellevue

WHAT MAKES HCDE SPECIAL?

HCDE is a unique program, both in size and focus. Through small, project-based courses, HCDE students graduate with a solid portfolio of work to share with potential employers. Almost all undergraduates participate in departmental research groups and develop new skills while applying their coursework in innovative ways.



HCDE undergraduates receive opportunities to prepare for their careers through HCDE recruiting events, portfolio review workshops, alumni mentoring and networking events, and company information sessions.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

If you think HCDE is for you, there are many opportunities to explore more:

- Join a Directed Research Group and explore research projects in HCDE.
- Meet with a peer advisor.
- Join an HCDE-related student organization.
- Attend an HCDE information session or a public event like the UX Speaker Series or Capstone Showcase. Find opportunities at hcde.uw.edu/calendar.

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