

Sydney Walker

Technical Writer

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Summary

Naturally creative and motivated Technical Writer seeking an opportunity for career development. Highly adaptable and adept at managing multiple priorities through balanced organization. Strong visual communication skills combined with a passion for education, sustainability, and conservation create a foundation for successful community outreach.

Experience

Interning Director of Development & Productions Mar 2024–Present

Project ANiMA, ODU

- Develop project scope and brand identity.
- Create project schedule to track milestones.
- Facilitate communication among project collaborators and stakeholders.
- Maintain project documents such as planning documents, meeting agendas, and contracts.
- Utilize scientific research for applied design methodologies.
- Research funding opportunities and lead proposal writing team.
- Conduct research interviews.
- Create prototypes and conduct usability testing.

Technical Writer & Project Management Intern Mar 2024–Aug 2024

TSESSEBE Technologies

- Created project growth timeline and other project tracking reports.
- Created workshop presentations, curriculums, and learning materials.
- Edited documents such as contracts, workshop materials, and proposals.
- Participated in NSF and NIH proposal incubators.
- Attend online proposal development conferences.

Artist/Entrepreneur Sep 2019–Present

What the Felt

- Conduct research to create biologically accurate representations.
- Consult with clients in the creation of commissioned projects.
- Organize and display portfolios to show off best work to potential clients and promote skills and value.

Education

Old Dominion University: BA Technical Writing 2023–2025

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, GPA 3.95

College of Lake County 2019–2021

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, GPA 3.80

Lopez Island High School 2006-2010

Skills

- Document Design
- Research Communication
- Applied Research Design
- Collaborative Relationships
- Proposal Writing
- Editing for Accessibility
- Project Planning & Management
- User-centered Design

Honors & Awards

Undergraduate Research and Creativity Fellowship <i>ODU Honors College</i>	2025
Innovate U-OVN Design Thinking Challenge <i>ODU Fall Cohort</i>	2024
Lee and Bernard Jaffe Family Endowed Scholarship <i>Endowed Scholar</i>	2024–2025
Undergraduate Technical Writing and Document Design Competition <i>ODU English Department</i>	2024
Special Recognition Art Award <i>Virginia Beach Art Center</i>	2023
Top Class Design Project <i>Technical Writing 334W, Dr. David Robledo, ODU</i>	2023

Exhibitions

Virginia Beach Art Center, Force of Nature Group Exhibition <i>Featuring: Whispers of the Mycelium Network: A Concert of Life and Coastal Tapestry VII</i>	2024
Virginia Beach Art Center, Words Matter Group Exhibition <i>Featuring: A Remarkably Bright Creature and Relinquish the Purple Flower: A Tribute to Marita Bonner</i>	2023
Lopez Grind Amateur Solo Exhibition <i>An exhibition inspired by my travels to Ireland that explores the interplay of history, nature and the influences of pagan traditions in modern practices.</i>	2022
Lopez Grind Amateur Solo Exhibition <i>An exhibition of nature scenes from Lopez Island, Washington that highlight the allure of the island community.</i>	2021

Conferences

ODU Board of Visitors Research Presentation <i>Presenter: Project ANiMA</i>	2025
ODU Spring Knowledge Expo <i>Presenter: Project ANiMA: Fostering Environmental Literacy Through User-Centered Design</i>	2025
Writing at the Crossroads: Navigating Labor, Disciplinarity, and Equity in Teaching Writing <i>Panelist: Professionalization in Writing Through Disciplinary Crossroads of Internships</i>	2025
