



# CASSIE REN

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## SKILLS

### Adobe Creative Suite

Photoshop  
Illustrator  
After Effects  
Animate

### Autodesk Maya

Blender  
Maxon Cinema 4D  
Procreate  
Pixologic Zbrush  
UCSF Chimera

## LANGUAGES

English  
Mandarin

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

### IMI Graduate Student Committee

2020 - 2022

### BMC Class External Representative

2020 - 2022

### Rehab Ink Magazine Illustration Coordinator

2021

### Virtual Medical Illustration Student Event Coordinator

2021

### Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Interpreter

2018 - 2020

## AWARDS & EXHIBITIONS

### Versalius Trust Research Grant

2022

### President Entrance Scholarship

2016

## EDUCATION

2020 - 2022

### Bachelor of Art & Science

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON  
Major in Human Biology, minors in Physiology and Biology

2016 - 2020

### Master of Science in Biomedical Communications

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2022 - Present

### Medical Illustrator

SCISTORIES LLC, BOSTON

- Create accurate illustrations for scientific journals, grant applications and marketing materials
- Interpret research findings and develop creative visualizations for researchers, doctors, and other professionals
- Create customized websites for clients to highlight research focus in collaboration with the graphic design team
- Responsible for all aspects of the project, from client meetings to final deliverables

2021

### Freelance Medical Illustrator

BIOHUES, TORONTO

- Create surgical illustrations for patient education on a mobile application for Tencent Medipedia
- Conduct research and post-edit 3D models for anatomical illustrations

2018 - 2020

### Scientific Illustrator

BELINDA CHANG LABORATORY, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

- Created 50+ scientific illustrations and drawings for lab presentations, conferences, and research papers
- One illustration was accepted by The Royal Society Journal
- Created illustrations for an infographic on Canadian fisheries for the American Fishery Society

2020 - 2021

### Lead UI & Website Designer

BUILDING-U, RHODE ISLAND

- Redesigned existing websites to afford maximum flow between essential information with eye-catching graphics
- Collaborated with developer teams and created a wide variety of cross-media projects involving illustrations, interactive websites, and UI design for an online career-exploring event for students

2017 - 2019

### Research Lab Intern

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

- Assisted in multiple research projects and performed basic lab work

## PUBLISHED ILLUSTRATIONS

2020

Castañeda, R.A et al., A Brief History of Fisheries in Canada. 45: 303-318. Fisheries (2020) doi:10.1002/fsh.10449

2017 - 2019

Van Nynatten, A et al., To see or not to see: molecular evolution of the rhodopsin visual pigment in neotropical electric fishes. 286. Proc. R. Soc. B (2019) <http://doi.org/10.1098/rspb.2019.1182>