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Executive Summary

As a believer in the potential of economic research, technology and entrepreneurship to shift mindsets and capabilities of communities, Fatima has dedicated her academics and early career to analysis, research, and supporting projects aiming towards economic and social prosperity. Fatima is currently based in Lebanon. She is seeking a work opportunity to play an active role in the startup ecosystem in Lebanon alongside her academics.

Education

McGill University, Canada   September 2017 - Present
PhD in Economics, Second Year Candidate, Expected Graduation in 2022
    Advanced Courses in Macroeconomics, Financial Economics and Econometrics
    Graduate Excellence Fellowship, 2017 - 2019

American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon
Master of Arts in Economics, GPA: 91.83/100   September 2015-2017
    Thesis: Crowdfunding in MENA: A Case Study of Zoomaal
    President Elias Hraoui Student Award in Economics, 2017

Bachelor of Computer and Communication Engineering, GPA: 85.56/100   September 2011-2015
    Minor in Arabic & near Eastern Languages (Hebrew)
    Minor in Economics
    Merit Scholarship Recipient - BLOM Bank, 2011- 2014

Experience

Arabic-English Translator, Freelancer   March 2017 – June 2019
- Worked on 10+ projects encompassing translation of documents, videos, and research papers from Arabic to English

Teaching Assistant, McGill University, Montreal, Canada   September 2017 – May 2019
- Prepared and conducted tutorials for Statistics and Economic Theory courses
- Supervised 100+ students by giving constructive feedbacks on their progresses

Business Analyst, The Zovighian Partnership, Lebanon–Saudi Arabia   June – August 2017
- Co-administrated research mission including aspects such as fieldwork and data collection for development in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: The Al-Baydha Project
- Conducted qualitative data analysis of ethnographic focus group interviews and discussions using Grounded Theory methodologies
- Transcribed and translated audio recordings from Arabic into English
- Co-developed the sponsorship scheme and managed partner relationship and social media for the first Nexus Global MENA & Arab Diasporas Regional Summit in Beirut, Lebanon in 2017, a community founded to bridge communities of wealth and social entrepreneurship
- Conducted market research and developed strategy briefs to build and incubate a designer hub in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for a client in the jewelry industry
- Performed administrative duties on other projects including data validation, due diligence and file management

Research and Teaching Assistant, AUB, Lebanon   February 2014 – May 2017
- Prepared and conducted tutorials for Statistics, Econometrics, Game Theory, and C++ programming courses
- Assisted in research and data collection at the Economics Department on government expenditure and development in the MENA region and contributed to oil markets research in the Gulf region
- Created forecasting models by applying statistical techniques, using R, and assessed forecasting performance over time to produce precise estimates
- Improved efficiency by automating file extraction process to extract data from large databases and analyzed complex data, using visualization tools at Olayan School of Business

Network Engineer Assistant, Ericsson Telecommunications, Lebanon   May – August 2014
- Shadowed Senior Engineer and gained in-depth knowledge and hands-on experience on Routing policies
- Programmed projects in Python and SQL
- Communicated programming and econometrics concepts to educate non-technical audience about interpretation of outputs
- Participated in and co-led presentation to the Operation Department to map out long-term visions and strategies

Volunteering Experience and Interests

Volunteer at Swedish Red Cross, Degerfors, Sweden (December 2016): Assisted in the second-hand shop organization for refugees and interpretation from Arabic to English when needed.
Volunteer at Lebanese Red Cross Youth, AUB, Lebanon (2012 –2015): Wrote articles in both Arabic for the monthly newsletter. Proofread and reviewed the Arabic section's layout.
Volunteer at Beirut Marathon Association, Lebanon (2015 – 2016): Assisted in promotional campaigns in universities and provided logistical needs on marathon days.

Other Relevant Information

Computer Skills: Python, R, C++, Java, SQL, MATLAB, STATA, SAS
Languages: Arabic (Native), English (Fluent), and Spanish (Elementary Proficiency)