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EDUCATION

American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon

Master's degree in Finance

Sept 2020 – Aug 2022

GPA: 4.02/4

Institut des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (IHEC) de Carthage, Tunis, Tunisia

M.Sc. degree in Finance (M1)

Sept 2019 – July 2020

B.Sc. in Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC) Prépa

Sept 2016 – June 2019

EXPERIENCE

American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon

Graduate Research Assistant, Part-time

Sept 2020 – Present

Part-time research assistant to Dr. Rida Elias, OSB professor, co-authoring an academic paper titled:

"Women on Boards: A Systematic Review & Comparison between Developed vs. Developing Countries".

- Conduct a thorough systematic literature review and meta-analysis covering 500+ articles on women representation on corporate boards in developed versus developing countries.
- Establish a solid foundation for future research directed at increasing board diversity through increasing the number of women on boards.
- Inform policymakers and practitioners on ways to enhance their practices related to having women on boards.

Center for Inclusive Business and Leadership (CIBL) for Women, Beirut, Lebanon

June 2021 – July 2021

Gender Lens Investing (GLI) Research Intern, Full-time

- Conducted desk reviews about GLI initiatives in the MENA region and in the world.
- Generated leads and compiled a database of impact investing fund managers and spokespersons around the world.
- Developed a GLI pitch deck for potential investors from the region.
- Worked on a 4-week multi-channel GLI communication campaign in English, French, and Arabic.

Zodiac Aerospace, Nabeul, Tunisia

July 2018 – Aug 2018

Intern – Accounting/ Supply Chain unit, Full-time

- Organized and bookkept a 10-month worth of unrecorded purchase transactions using ERP.
- Updated COGS and reconciled purchase invoices.
- Recorded daily transactions using ERP to support the Purchase and Warehouse Management Unit.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION, EXTRACURRICULAR & TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Elias, R. Hajinazarian, R. Hamdi, K. **Women on Boards: A Systematic Review & Comparison between Developed vs. Developing Countries**. Research with Impact for Society & the Enterprise (RISE) 2021 Conference, Beirut, Lebanon.

Elias, R. Hajinazarian, R. Hamdi, K. **Women on Boards: A Systematic Review & Comparison between Developed vs. Developing Countries**. International Corporate Governance Society 2021 Annual Meeting, Groningen, Netherlands.

Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service (CCECS) at AUB, Beirut, Lebanon

Sept 2020 – Dec 2021

Member

- Developed a proposal (assessment, strategic intervention, exit strategy, logical framework, budget) for a community-based intervention on solid waste management in Bourj Hammoud.

Enactus, Tunis, Tunisia

Oct 2018 – Nov 2019

Team member

- Conducted market research and revamped the business model of the social startup "Ahmini". Pitched the project on behalf of the project-holder in the BlooMMasters MIT Enterprise Forum Pan Arab competition. Raised 100K TND for the project after winning first place in the social enterprise category.
- Led prospection team for a waste-valuation project and coordinated with solid waste management experts and potential stakeholders.

Global Business Institute (GBI) MENA Program, Indiana, USA

June 2017 – Aug 2017

Team Leader

- Led a team of 4 people to develop a feasibility and implementation study of a social startup project.

AWARDS

Middle East Partnership Initiative – Tomorrow Leaders Graduate (MEPI-TLG) Scholar at AUB

Sept 2020 – June 2022

Global Business Institute (GBI) MENA Scholar at Indiana University, USA

June 2017 – Aug 2017

SUMMARY SKILLS

Languages: Arabic, French (C2), English(C1), German (A1)

Technical skills: Python, Stata, EViews, Excel VBA, Microsoft office tools, Thomson Reuters Eikon, EndNote