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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Economics graduate with 3+ years of experience in program coordination and entrepreneurship facilitation, currently pursuing a Master's in Management for Sustainable Firms. Proven track record of designing innovation programs, mentoring initiatives, and building strategic partnerships to drive sustainable development goals.

EDUCATION

University of Padua, Italy

Oct 2024 – Present

Masters in Management for Sustainable Firms - *Specialization: Smart Manufacturing*

Lebanese American University-Beirut, Lebanon

Sept 2019 – May 2022

Bachelor of Science in Economics - *Full merit by USAID Higher Education Scholarship Program (HES).*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co - Founder of SAWA Initiative- Millenium fellowship Program

Sept 2019 – Present

- Lead initiative providing comprehensive support to 1000+ high-school and first-year university students with major selection and scholarship guidance
- Conduct research and organize workshops, programs, and volunteering opportunities to empower students with academic and personal growth skills
- Monitor and evaluate initiative impact through data collection and feedback systems, while providing personalized guidance to students facing academic challenges

Program Coordinator

Jan 2022 – June 2024

Nucleus Ventures

Beirut-Lebanon

- Designed, executed, and reported on 5 entrepreneurship programs funded by international organizations (Chemonics, USAID, UNDP, Creact4MED), creating detailed roadmaps with timelines and deliverables
- Developed career strategies and created the Talent Match UP Hub, facilitating employment for 75+ tech bootcamp graduates with technology companies
- Assisted 20+ entrepreneurs in validating innovative ideas while organizing 50+ workshops and 30+ mentorship connections
- Managed program KPIs, reporting to stakeholders and sponsors, while developing comprehensive social media strategies for multiple programs
- Built and maintained strategic partnerships with mentors, corporations, and trainers; established startup assessment criteria and conducted screening interviews

Innovation Analyst Intern

Aug 2021 – Jan 2022

Nucleus Ventures

Beirut-Lebanon

- Conducted strategic research and evaluated startups' business plans under "The Energy Innovation Hub Program" (UNDP/LAU partnership), including preparing yearly diagnosis reports on progress
- Collaborated with qualified mentors, trainers, and entrepreneurs while organizing events including workshops, mentorship activities, networking mingles, and demo days

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Completed 40+ workshops

Sep 2019 – Present

Outreach and Civic Engagement Department, LAU

Community Development & Project Management; Communication; Public Service & Civic Engagement...

—Global Citizenship Programme - University of Padua

Dec 2024

Completed a 10-hour course on intercultural skills and global challenges (climate change, AI, circular economy, human rights, gender equality), earning an official UniPD Open Badge

—Digital Heroes Program

Feb 2024

Completed 13 specialized courses in Data Literacy, Power BI, Excel, and PowerPoint through Kubicle platform, earning certification in business analytics tools

—Buddy4YOUrope Program - University of Padua

Feb 2024

Serve as a volunteer "buddy" for international Erasmus exchange students, providing guidance on university systems and cultural integration while facilitating cross-cultural communication among diverse student groups

—Financial Literacy, public integrity, and community Development Training

Feb 2021

UNESCO in partnership with Active Voice

—Aspire Leaders program - Aspire Institute Funded by Harvard University

Feb 2022

—Learning How to Learn: Powerful Mental Tools to Help you master tough subjects"

Oct 2020

McMaster University and University of California San Diego through Coursera

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Languages: Fluent in Arabic and English. – Beginner in Italian (A1)

Technical Skills: Statistical Software-Data Science Software (STATA), MS Office, Google Drive, Research analysis, Airtable, Jotform, mailchimp, ClickUp, PowerBi.

Soft Skills: Intercultural Communication, Intellectual Curiosity, Attention to details, Positive attitude, Flexibility.

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

Economics Tutor

Sept 2019 – Present

MMKN NGO, Outreach and Civic Engagement Department at LAU, Private Tutor in Kuwait

— Preparing and organizing tutoring session for schools and university students in Lebanon and Kuwait: Economics, Econometrics, Economic development, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics,

COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Completed 220+ hours of community service with different NGOs

Dec 2021 – Present

Outreach and Civic Engagement Department, LAU

Coordination, events organization, reporting, outreaching to students, donors and different stakeholders, providing sponsors... with Food Blessed, INJAZ, Lebnele Ele Initiative among other NGOs.

Millennium Fellow of Class 2021 – Community Service Project

Aug 2021 – Present

United Nations Academic Impact

- Served as United Nations Academic Impact Millennium Fellow (2021), implementing "Student's Savors" project aligned with SDG #4, attending impact workshops and global webinars
- Led "Kaffak b Kaffi" community service project (2021), delivering workshops on time management and decision-making to 60+ high school students while coordinating with municipal and NGO partner