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Forensic Accounting • Academic Leadership • Policy and Framework Development

Key Skills: Multilingual Communication • Strategic Thinking and Problem-Solving • Administrative Expertise • Academic Mentorship • Research Proficiency • Interdepartmental Coordination • Risk Assessment and Mitigation • Regulatory Frameworks • Fraud Detection Methodologies • AML Compliance and Enforcement • Financial Crime Investigation • Legal and Regulatory Acumen • Governance • Data Analytics and Technology

Summary

A trailblazer in **Forensic Accounting, Fraud Detection and Prevention, and Anti-money Laundering (AML)**, recognized as the first woman in the field to hold **dual master's degrees** and a **PhD in Forensic Accounting**. With extensive academic and research expertise, specializing in **fraud prevention strategies** and **AML frameworks**, contributing to the advancement of the discipline.

Currently serving as a **Lecturer** in the Accounting Department, **mentoring** and **guiding** students, contributing to **academic research**, fostering innovation, and shaping **curriculum development** in alignment with contemporary challenges in forensic accounting.

A forward-thinking **academic** and **practitioner** with a dedication to advancing the understanding and prevention of financial crimes through education, **policy development**, and collaborative efforts. A strong focus on **integrity** and **financial transparency**, combined with **academic excellence** and **multilingual proficiency**, well-positioned to support Saudi Arabia's strategic goals in fraud detection and anti-money laundering.

Core Competencies

- **Forensic Accounting and Fraud Detection Expertise:** Advanced knowledge in fraud detection, prevention techniques, and money laundering countermeasures. Skilled in implementing robust investigative frameworks that align with global standards and regulatory requirements.
- **Teaching and Mentoring:** Proven ability to teach complex accounting and forensic topics, mentoring students to excel academically and professionally.
- **Multilingual Proficiency:** Fluent in Arabic, English, and French, enabling effective communication and collaboration in diverse cultural and professional settings.
- **Research and Thought Leadership:** Skilled in conducting quantitative and qualitative research methodologies, producing impactful publications in forensic accounting and fraud prevention.
- **Strategic Contribution:** Demonstrated capacity to contribute to policy making, curriculum innovation, and institutional excellence in academia and government.
- **Government and Policy Transferable Skills:** Proficient in data analysis, regulatory compliance, and crafting policies to combat financial crimes, ability to contribute to government initiatives in financial integrity and anti-corruption efforts.

Work Experience

Lecturer, Accounting Department, Northern Border University, KSA: 2018 - Present

- Assisting in the delivery of comprehensive accounting courses, combining theoretical knowledge with practical insights to enrich learning experiences.
- Actively contributing to student academic orientation, guiding learners in understanding program structures and fostering their professional development.
- Serving as a member of the Accounting Department's Statistics and Documentation team, ensuring meticulous data management and reporting accuracy.

- Supervising and verifying committee assessments to uphold academic integrity and maintain rigorous testing standards.
- Designing and delivering comprehensive accounting and forensic courses, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving among students.
- Mentoring future accountants to excel in financial ethics and compliance.
- Conducting rigorous research on financial crimes and presenting actionable insights to shape anti-fraud policies and anti-money laundering frameworks.

Assistant Professor of Management - Accounting Department, Northern Border University, KSA: 2013 - 2018

- Delivered engaging and effective accounting tutorials, fostering a deep understanding of complex concepts among students.
- Managed administrative responsibilities efficiently, contributing to the seamless operation of the accounting department.
- Actively participated as Member of Student Affairs and Exam Organization.
- Contributed to departmental committees and organizing accounting conferences, promoting collaboration and knowledge-sharing within the academic community.
- Conducted and guided both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies, fostering innovation in accounting practices and fraud detection.

Education

PhD in Forensic Accounting - Fraud Detection and Prevention, Cardiff University, 2024

- Thesis: "Financial Institutions in Saudi Arabia: Compliance with Domestic and International Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Regulations."

Master of Science in Social Science Research Methods, Cardiff University, Cardiff, United Kingdom, 2018-2020

Master of Science in Forensic Accounting, State University of New York, The College at Brockport, 2016-2018

- Member of Deans Student Advisory
- Entrepreneurship Award, Business Plan Competition

Bachelor of Science in Accounting, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, KSA, 2008-2012

Trainings and Certifications

Certificate of 'Fraud in Financial Statement', Mar 2024

Certificate in promoting the 'Concepts of Combatting Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing', Dec 2023

Corporate Finance and Investment Decisions and Strategies, State University of New York, Mar 2018

Forensic Accounting and Fraud Investigation, State University of New York, 2016

Entrepreneurship, State University of New York, Feb 2016

English for Academic Purposes - Intensive Program, ELS Language Centre, The College at Brockport, NY, 2015

Strategic and Financial Management, King Abdul-Aziz University, Jan 2011

Reduction of Cycle Time for Credit Application Processing Project, Samba Bank (under Six Sigma Program), 2011

Establishing Investment Projects, Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA), 2010

Creative Problem Solving, Skill Booster Training House, 2010

Promoting the concepts of combatting Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing

Fraud in Financial Statements

Effective Compliance Programs, University of Pennsylvania + Coursera

Technical Skills

MS Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

Personal Details

Date of Birth: 2nd April, 1989 • Nationality: Saudi

Languages: Arabic (native) English (proficient), French (proficient)