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PhD student in Economics at Concordia University with dual master's degrees in applied economics and finance. Published researcher with experience in econometrics, data analysis, financial economics, commodity markets, and policy-relevant research.

Education

Concordia University Doctor of Philosophy in Economics Research Interests: Applied Econometrics, Financial Economics, and Commodity Markets.	Sep 2025–Present
Lebanese American University Master of Arts in Applied Economics MA Project: <i>From Wall Street to Crypto Street: Ethereum's Take on the Monday Effect.</i>	Jan 2022–May 2024
Lebanese University Master of Science in Finance and Financial Institutions Thesis: <i>The Impact of Ethereum on Portfolio Performance</i> (Distinction)	Dec 2019–Dec 2022
Arab Open University Bachelor of Arts in Finance with Microfinance	Jun 2016–Jul 2019

Academic Publications

- Alamah, Z., & Fakh, A. (2024). Is the Price of Ether Driven by Demand or Pure Speculation? *Computational Economics*, 1–25.
- Alamah, Z., Elgammal, W., & Fakh, A. (2024). Does twitter economic uncertainty matter for wheat prices? *Economics Letters*, 234, 111463.
- Alamah, Z., AlSoussy, I., & Fakh, A. (2023). The Role of International Research Collaboration and Faculty Related Factors in Publication Citations: Evidence from Lebanon. *Economies*, 11(3), 90.

Working Papers

- Alamah, Z., Fakh, A., & Abdallah, W. (2026). Day-of-the-Week Anomalies in Crypto Markets: Evidence on Market Efficiency from Ethereum. Revise and Resubmit. *Managerial Finance*.
- Alamah, Z., Fakh, A., & Zaiter, H. (2026). Digital Sentiment and Copper Price Dynamics. Work in progress.
- Alamah, Z. (2026). Temporal Segmentation in 24/7 Crypto Spot Markets: Multi-Exchange Evidence from Variance-Ratio Deviations. Work in progress.

Conference Papers

- Alamah, Z., & Fakh, A. (2026). Connectedness Without Complexity? Geoeconomic Fragmentation and Structural Transformation in the MENA Region. Presented at the 2026 IMF MENA Research Conference, Rabat, Morocco, June 29–30, 2026.

Academic and Research Experience

Concordia University Teaching Assistant • Support faculty with course administration, instructional material preparation, grading, and student communication.	Sep 2025–Present
Lebanese American University Research Assistant	Sep 2022–May 2024

- Conducted academic research under the supervision of Dr. Ali Fakih, Chairperson of the Economics Department.
- Published three peer-reviewed articles and contributed to several other papers.
- Developed Stata scripts and custom commands to conduct econometric and statistical analyses.
- Performed data cleaning, transformation, and preparation using Stata and Python.
- Drafted and revised research-relevant and internal documents, including articles, agreements, proposals, and letters.
- Participated in the ideation and implementation of internal strategies and event preparation.

Professional Experience

Eco-Vector Consultancy

Aug 2024–Mar 2025

Business Strategy Consultant and Data Analyst

- Assessed factory operations and retail outlets for a leading F&B corporation, identifying efficiency and performance improvement opportunities.
- Evaluated financial, managerial, and economic performance with senior leadership, contributing to organizational restructuring and strategic direction.
- Conducted interviews and field visits, preparing detailed meeting minutes to support decision-making processes.
- Designed two strategic frameworks and an internal selection process, enhancing decision-making and operational efficiency.
- Processed and analyzed complex datasets using Python, producing 100+ data visualizations to inform business decisions.
- Contributed to 30+ reports and presentations, delivering actionable insights and supporting executive decision-making.

Independent Consultant

Apr 2024–Jul 2024

Economic and Business Management Consultant

- Simulated and developed multiple tokenomics strategies using Python, collaborating with smart contract developers to implement solutions.
- Authored a comprehensive whitepaper and strategic plan, driving the project's community growth to 4,500 members.
- Led an international remote team, ensuring seamless project execution and alignment with strategic objectives.
- Secured key partnerships through strategic negotiations, ensuring the project's sustainability and continuity.

Eco-Vector Consultancy

Oct 2023–Apr 2024

Business Strategy and Evaluation Consultant

- Designed an impact evaluation methodology and created over 100 metrics to evaluate several initiatives under a regional Social Development Strategy.
- Led strategic planning and creative ideation sessions to guide organizational decision-making.
- Drafted a strategic planning and management proposal for a leading F&B corporation.

Certifications

Corporate Finance Institute

Jan 2020

Financial Modeling and Valuation Analyst (FMVA)

CFA Institute

Aug 2019

Passed the Chartered Financial Analyst Level 1 exam

Awards and Funding

Doctoral Funding Package, Concordia University **2025–2029**

Awarded a competitive doctoral funding package comprising the Concordia University Graduate Fellowship (\$56,000 over four years), Concordia International Tuition Award of Excellence (\$47,463 over eight terms), and Concordia University Merit Scholarship (\$5,000).

Research Assistantship Award, Concordia University **2026**

Awarded additional research assistantship funding valued at \$10,000 under faculty supervision.

LAU Outstanding Researcher Award **Apr 2024**

Received the Outstanding Researcher Award in the field of social science.

IMF Youth Fellowship **Oct 2023**

Selected to attend the 2023 IMF and World Bank Annual Meetings as a Young IMF Fellow.

Skills

Technical Skills: Python (Intermediate), Stata (Advanced), SQL, Microsoft Office Suite, Econometric Modeling, Data Analysis, Data Visualization, Time-Series Analysis, Financial Modeling

Communication Skills: Academic Writing, Report Writing, Presentation Development, Cross-Functional Collaboration

Languages

Arabic: Native

English: Bilingual