

MOE ALSALMAN

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EDUCATION

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| University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (UIUC) B.S. Dietetics & Nutrition; B.S.LAS. Brain & Cognitive Science | Champaign, IL Expected May 2028 |
| King Abdulaziz & Co. Foundation (Mawhiba) Gifted Student Educational Program; Top 0.5% of students in country. <i>GPA: 3.98</i> | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Sep 2013 - Jun 2022 |
| Oxmedica Global Education International Academic Program Scholar <i>GPA: 4.0</i> | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Cambridge, UK Jun 2019 - Aug 2019 |

EXPERIENCE

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| University of Illinois - School of Social Work <i>Research Assistant</i> | Urbana, IL Oct 2024 - Current |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducting research on the influence of nutrition on mental health outcomes in immigrant communities. | |
| Purdue University - Center for Food Conservation and Waste Reduction <i>Food Equity Intern</i> | West Lafayette, IN Sep 2024 - Current |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Authored content focused on innovative food conservation and waste reduction strategies.Received specialized training in contemporary issues related to Food Systems and Nutritional Equity; completed core IRB certification in research ethics.Collaborated on student-led research analyzing the local food system in Champaign-Urbana, contributing to the design of community health interventions aimed at promoting sustainability and food systemic balance. | |
| University of Illinois - Food Science & Human Nutrition Dept. <i>Teaching Assistant</i> | Champaign, IL Aug 2024 - Current |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Teaching team member for Prof. Toni Gist's Contemporary Nutrition courses (FSHN 120 & FSHN 101), supporting dynamic course delivery and fostering student engagement.Conducted research on student engagement, instructional quality, and the influence of DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging) on learning outcomes. | |
| New Roots Institute <i>Fellow</i> | Los Angeles, CA Jun 2024 - Oct 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed an eight-week educational fellowship in sustainable food systems leadership with The Leadership Academy, focusing on challenges in industrial animal agriculture and cultivating skills for driving systems-level change. | |
| Salaam Middle Eastern & North African Cultural Center <i>Intercultural Diversity & Food Intern</i> | Urbana, IL Jun 2022 - Sep 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted in-depth content analysis on cultural sensitivity in the food and nutrition industry, exploring the role of food in fostering intercultural communication competence. | |
| Imam Abdulrahman University, Institute for Research and Medical Consultation <i>Student Researcher</i> | Jun 2021 - Dec 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted groundbreaking research on ACTB, KDM5D, UTY, and USP9Y genes for single-tube sex determination PCR under the supervision of Dr. Francis Borgio. | |

SKILLS

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| Medical Research: | Multiplex PCR, Gel electrophoresis, DNA sequencing |
| Programming: | Java, Python, Kotlin |
| Languages: | English, Arabic, Turkish |

HONORS

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| KAUST Gifted Student Program Scholarship | King Abdullah University for Science and Technology Competitive full-ride undergraduate scholarship for exceptional giftedness and academic excellence. Aug 2022 |
| ITEX Silver Medal | Asia's Leading Invention, Innovation, Technology, Competition & Exhibition Recognized for innovating a device that advances educational technology. Jan 2022 |
| Yale YESA Honorary Medal | Yale Science & Engineering Association, Inc. Awarded for the most exceptional research presentation at the Saudi IBDA Research Olympiad. Nov 2021 |