

ABDUL KUDUS ZAKARIA MUKHTARU

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Soft Skills - Communication, Analytical Thinking, Event Management, Problem Solving, Attention to detail, Risk Management, Team, and Ethical-Descision Making.

Interests - Algorithmic Trading, Decentralized Finance (DeFi), and Reading Financial Books, Basketball, and Table Tennis.

TECHNICAL AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Project Lead, ALU Entrepreneurial Leaders' Action Lab (E-LAB) Project Challenge **January 2025 - March 2025**

- Led a team of five to develop a prototype web app to promote local businesses, events, and sites in Rwanda's tourism sector.
- Organized and moderated both online and in-person team meetings to ensure collaboration.

Team Project – Small Business Inventory Management System

June 2025 - July 2025

- Developed a digital inventory system using SQL and relational databases to help informal businesses track sales, stock, and reports.
- Integrated CRUD operations and user-friendly dashboards with structured data access and business logic implementation.
- Collaborated in a team to demonstrate advanced programming proficiency and structured command-line data processing with github.

Rise Challenge Recruiter, MillenniumCampusNetwork (MCN)

November 2022 - November 2023

- Volunteered as a Rise recruiter with Millennium Campus Network (MCN), guiding applicants in my community through the Rise Challenge process. Earned a one-on-one mentorship session with MCN CEO Sam Vaghari, gaining insights on leadership, financial positioning, and career growth while fostering a lasting professional connection.

Senior School Prefect, Fatih College.

June 2022 - August 2023

- Encouraged six students to attend the Ashesi Innovation Experience 2023, establishing it as a yearly program.
- Led a volunteer initiative to supervise prep sessions, improving student discipline and study habits.
- Mentored 500+ students by promoting extracurricular engagement and academic growth through peer-led initiatives.

Joy Corp Ambassador, Australian Indigenous Mentoring (AIME)

February 2022 - February 2023

- Organized non-sporting sessions with support from AIME and school counsellors, introducing games that fostered teamwork, critical thinking, and student engagement through educational and leisure activities.

EDUCATION

African Leadership University – Kigali, Rwanda

January 2025 – May 2028

BSc. Software Engineering

- Relevant Coursework: Frontend development, Self Leadership and Team Dynamics, Responsible Enterprise.

ONLINE COURSES

Portfolio and Risk Management

July 2025 - August 2025

- Relevant Coursework: Gained expertise in Modern Portfolio Theory, optimal portfolio construction, and asset allocation. Learned to measure risk using VaR and Expected Shortfall.

Global Financial Markets and Instruments

August 2025 - August 2025

- Relevant Coursework: This rigorous program has provided me with a comprehensive foundation in global capital markets, investment management, and complex financial instruments.

Project Management - Coursera, Google

April 2025 - April 2025

- Relevant Coursework: Skills in Project Management, Agile Methodology and Team Coordination