



Faculty of Entrepreneurship
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Biography

Dr. Mohammad Reza Zali, obtained Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Public Administration from Shahid Beheshti University (formerly named National University) and the University of Tehran respectively. Then in 2003 he obtained his Ph.D. in Public Administration majoring in Systems Management from the University of Tehran. Short after completion of his doctoral studies, he started working as a faculty member at the University of Mazandaran located in the north of Iran. He then joined the University of Tehran in 2010. Being a tenured faculty member, his field of specialization is **Entrepreneurship** and has teaching records in the areas such as Entrepreneurial Behavior, Corporate Entrepreneurship and research methods at Master and Ph.D. levels. He has developed the theory of Entrepreneurial Situational Leadership and has a great number of compilations and has further conducted research programs on

entrepreneurial intention. More notably he has so far taken great steps in connection with the University of Tehran which is moving in the direction of becoming an entrepreneurial university.

Additionally, when the University of Tehran joined the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) in 2007 and the GEM-Iran Office was established and based at the Faculty of Entrepreneurship, Dr. Zali was personally and deeply engaged in the conduct of annual GEM Research Projects which are essentially designed to measure and evaluate the incidence of entrepreneurial activities or TEA (total early-stage entrepreneurial activity) in member countries. This research program started in 2008 in Iran and has continuously and regularly been done by the GEM-Iran Office since then. Dr. Zali currently is serving as director of GEM in Iran. In addition to his engagement in teaching courses in various entrepreneurial fields, Dr. Zali has now the rank of associate professor and has been acting as Dean of the Faculty of Entrepreneurship since 2012. It is noteworthy to stress that the Faculty of Entrepreneurship was the first entrepreneurial entity established under this name in the MENA Region.

More importantly, Dr. Zali has made great contribution to licensing and publishing an English Journal named JGER (**Journal of Global Entrepreneurship Research**) of which 4 volumes have been published to this date. He is further the Executive Editor of this journal.