**LEBANESE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**

**USAID – HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**HES - Volunteering Program Verification Form**

This form is to be used to document volunteering hours. If a student volunteers for multiple organizations, a separate form must be used for each organization. **This form must be turned in by the 28th of each month, the latest.**

I certify that the scholar Lydia Bouezzeddine completed a total of 5 hours of service at InnovaThrive.

The hours were completed hours as per the below:

Hours # 0 (date) \_2/12 – 6/12\_ (initials of supervisor) \_\_A.K.\_\_\_

Hours # 0 (date) \_9/12 – 13/12\_ (initials of supervisor) \_\_A.K.\_\_\_

Hours # 0 date) \_16/12 – 20/12 (initials of supervisor) \_\_A.K.\_\_\_

Hours # 5 date) \_23/12 - 27/12 (initials of supervisor) \_\_A.K.\_\_\_

Brief description of the activities the scholar performed or participated in:

Blockchain in Global Trade Finance  
  
Definition: Leveraging blockchain to streamline cross-border trade transactions.  
  
Technologies:  
Smart contracts for automating trade agreements.  
Decentralized ledgers for tracking goods.  
  
Applications:  
Reducing fraud in letters of credit.  
Real-time verification of trade documents.  
  
Statistics:   
Reduction in transaction times by 40% in blockchain-enabled trade finance.  
  
Advantages:  
Lower costs and faster processing times.  
  
Disadvantages:  
Limited adoption among small businesses.  
  
Challenges:  
Ensuring compliance with international trade regulations.  
  
Future Research:  
Blockchain’s role in reducing tariffs and trade barriers.  
Integrating blockchain with AI for predictive trade analytics.

Written feedback about the scholar’s performance:

Lydia’s research on blockchain in global trade finance highlighted its potential to streamline cross-border transactions, reduce fraud, and lower costs, with real-world examples showing its impact on transaction times and costs.

Please rate the overall performance of the scholar at your organization:

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|  | Mastery (5) | Proficient (3) | Emerging (1) |
| **Problem solver** | X |  |  |
| **Engaged & Committed** | X |  |  |
| **Open-minded & multicultural** | X |  |  |

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