

Education

PhD in Finance

University College Dublin

2025 - Present

- Awarded Ad Astra Scholarship, one of the most competitive doctoral scholarships awarded to top candidates
- Completed over 87 doctoral credits with distinction-level performance
- Research focus on credit rationing, trade finance innovation.

Master of Science in Financial

Technology

Henley Business School, University of Reading

September 2023 - September 2024

- Awarded a partial scholarship based on academic excellence.
- Graduated with first-class honors, achieving a perfect GPA of 4.0.
- ranking among the top 6 students in the cohort.
- Recognised for academic achievement with a CFA Level 1 exam waived prize.

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

University of Tehran

July 2020 - July 2021

- Graduated with first-class honors (GPA: 19.73/20).

Bachelor of Financial Management

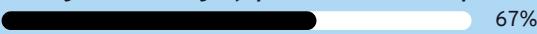
Shahid Beheshti University

September 2018 - September 2022

- Graduated with first-class honors (GPA: 15.29/20).
- Secured rank 81 out of 205,000 candidates in the national entrance exam, placing among the top 0.04% of applicants.

Skills

Programming (python, Solidity)



Machine Learning



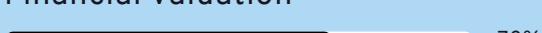
Corporate finance



Econometrics



Financial valuation



Financial statement analysis



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About me

I am a PhD student in fintech at a leading Dublin university, focusing on tokenization. My background includes finance studies at top UK universities, where I gained expertise in blockchain and financial technology. I am also exploring ideas for a fintech startup related to tokenization, currently in the early stages.

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Experience

Teaching Assistant – Finance & Financial Data Science

2025- present

[University College Dublin](#)

Machine learning for financial risk and trading

Blockchain infrastructure for modern financial systems

Smart contract logic and Solidity fundamentals

Translating quantitative models into financial decisions

2024- present

Founder & CEO

[Finova Financial Brokrage](#)

Leading R&D on tokenising assets and improving supply chains.

developing smart contracts with Solidity.

Researching blockchain applications in asset management.

Tokenising real-world assets via public blockchain.

2021-2022

(R & D) Assistant

[Teheran Security Stock Exchange](#)

Increasing IFC sale by 23%

Researching the Reasons Behind Stock Market Collapses

Coordinating courses for companies listed o stock market

Coordinating the first financial boot-camp in Iran

Teaching Standard Financial Reporting to IPO Companies

Investment analysis

2021-2021

[Meidoun TV show](#)

Using crowd-funding method to rise capital for SMEs

Evaluating 13 companies by using DCF and scorecard

Negotiating with 68 investors directly

Surveying pitch-decks and financial projections

Reaching and introducing fund rising methods

Apprenticeship

2018-2019

[Mofid Securities](#)

Market research about fundof of funds

Learning fundamental and technical analysis

Customer relationship administrator