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Personal Information

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Current Position: *Associate Professor and Head of Department, Department of Economics and Finance, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman (May 2015 – Present).*

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Education and Employment Information

Education

2005 Ph.D. in Economics, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, USA

2004 Master of Economics, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, USA

1999 Master of Science in Finance, Boston College, USA

1997 Bachelor of Science in Finance, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman

Employment

2017 – Present	<i>Head, Department of Economics and Finance, College of Economics and Political Science, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman.</i>
2015 – Present	<i>Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Finance, College of Economics and Political Science, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman.</i>
2014 – Present	<i>Consultant-Statistical Analysis, The Statistical Center for the Gulf Cooperation Council countries (GCC-STAT), Muscat, Oman. Responsible for developing a macroeconomic forecasting model for the GCC block.</i>
2005 – 2015	<i>Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Finance, College of Economics and Political Science, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman.</i>
2012 – 2013	<i>Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE.</i>
2009 – 2010	<i>Supervisor-Economics Section in Oman Encyclopedia project, Ministry of Heritage and Culture, Oman.</i>
2000 – 2005	<i>Lecturer, Department of Economics and Finance, College of Economics and Political Science, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman.</i>
1997 – 1999	<i>Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics and Finance, College of Economics and Political Science, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman.</i>

Publications and Other Scholarly Work

Journal Papers

- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, Genc, Ismail H. and Naufal, George, 2018. "The Impact of Government Spending on GDP in a Remitting Country." IZA Institute of Labor Economics, Discussion Paper No. 11676.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, 2017. "Improved labour productivity is imperative for Oman's economic diversification," *Local Economy*, 32 (8), 867-879.

- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar & Gani, Azmat**, 2016. "Saving rates and terms-of-trade in developing countries," *Journal of Developing Areas*, 50(4), 133-151.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar &, Baghestani, Hamid**, 2015. "Foreign investment and real exchange rate volatility in emerging Asian countries," *Journal of Asian Economics*, Elsevier, vol. 37(C), pages 34-47.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar Saif**, 2014. "How does terms-of-trade behavior shape international financial integration in primary-commodity exporting economies?," *Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions, and Money*, Elsevier, vol. 33(C), pages 335-353.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar Saif**, 2014. "Optimal exchange rate policy for a small oil-exporting country: A dynamic general equilibrium perspective," *Economic Modelling*, Elsevier, vol. 36(C), pages 88-98.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, 2013. "Real exchange rate volatility, terms-of-trade shocks, and financial integration in primary-commodity exporting economies," *Economics Letters*, Elsevier, vol. 120(1), pages 126-129.
- **Azmat Gani & Almukhtar Saif Al-Abri**, 2013. "Indicators of business environment, institutional quality and foreign direct investment in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries," *International Review of Applied Economics*, Taylor & Francis Journals, vol. 27(4), pages 515-530, July.
- **Almukhtar S. Al-Abri**, 2013. "Oil price shocks and macroeconomic responses: does the exchange rate regime matter?," *OPEC Energy Review*, Wiley, vol. 37(1), pages 1-19, 03. (Lead article).
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar S. & Goodwin, Barry K.**, 2009. "Re-examining the exchange rate pass-through into import prices using non-linear estimation techniques: Threshold cointegration," *International Review of Economics & Finance*, Elsevier, vol. 18(1), pages 142-161, January.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar, Bala Batavia, Parameswar Nandakumar, & Cheick Wague**, 2008. "Global and regional financial integration in GCC countries," *Journal of International Finance and Economics*, 8 (2), 23-29.

Papers Submitted for Publication

- Terms-of-trade shock-duration and saving rates in the developing countries, (with Azmat Gani), *Revise and resubmit*.
- Global Financial Crisis and Financial Inflows in Emerging Market Economies (with Azmat Gani).

Book Chapters

- Al-Abri, Almukhtar (2016), "Labor market heterogeneity and optimal exchange rate regime in resource-rich MENA countries", in: Elbadawi, Ibrahim and Hoda Selim (Eds.), *Understanding and Avoiding the Oil Curse in the Arab World*, Cambridge University Press, London, UK.
- Al-Abri, Almukhtar, (2013), "On the optimal exchange rate policy for the GCC countries", in: Oskooee, Mohsen-Bahmani (Ed.), *Exchange Rates in Developed and Emerging Markets: Practices, Challenges, and Economic Implications*, Nova Science Publishers Inc., New York, USA, pp. 127-155. (Indexed in SCOPUS).

Working Papers

- Global Financial Crisis and Financial Inflows in MENA Economies (with Azmat Gani).
- Fiscal policy and remittance outflows in GCC countries, (with Ismail Genc and George Naufal).
- Exchange rate pass-through to domestic inflation in GCC countries. Available at the Social Science Research Network: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2082981>.
- Asset prices and inflation in GCC countries. Available at the Social Science Research Network: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2494200>.

Conference Presentations

- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, (2018). A macroeconomic forecasting model for the GCC. Workshop on Building and Using Economic Models and their Applications, Central Bank of Kuwait, Kuwait, November 2018.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, (2018). The 16th International Conference of European Economics and Finance Society, City University of London, June 2018.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, (2017). "Enhancing statistical literacy in GCC countries," GCC First Statistical Forum, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, March 2017.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, (2016). "GCC-Turkey: Boosting economic cooperation," Turkey-GCC 2nd Business and Investment Forum, Bahrain, November 2016.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, (2014). "The economy of Oman: Challenges and opportunities," *Oman's Scholarly Symposium: Oman in the 21st Century*, Washington DC, USA, December 2014.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar** and Azmat Gani, (2014). "Terms-of-trade shock-duration and saving rates in the developing countries," *The 10th Annual BMRC-DEMS*

Conference on Macro and Financial Economics/Econometrics, Brunel University, London, UK, May 2014.

- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, Ismail Genc, and George Naufal, (2014). "Fiscal policy and remittance outflows in Saudi Arabia," *The 13th International Conference of Middle East Economic Association*, Tlemcen, Algeria, June 2014.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar** and Azmat Gani, (2014). "Saving rates and terms-of-trade in the developing countries," *The 6th Annual Research Symposium in Business and Economics*, UAE University, Al-Ain, UAE, May 2014.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, (2013). "How does terms-of-trade behavior shape international financial integration in primary-commodity exporting economies?," *The XXII International Conference on Money, Banking, and Finance*, Rome, Italy, December 2013.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, (2013). "Financial globalization and terms-of-trade in primary commodity-exporting countries," *The Economics Seminar Series of the Department of Economics*, The American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE, April 2013.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, (2011). "Real exchange rate misalignment in primary commodity economies: The role of capital flow," *The Annual International Conference on Micro and Macro Economics Research*, Singapore, July 2011.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, (2011). "Exchange rate pass-through to domestic inflation in GCC countries," *Oman 2011 International Business and Economics Conference*, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman, March 2011.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, and Parameswar Nandakumar, (2008). "Asset prices and inflation in GCC countries," *The Annual International Conference on Social Sciences*, Izmir, Turkey, August 2008.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, Parameswar Nandakumar and Bala Batavia, (2008). "Asset prices and inflation: Is there a predictive link for the GCC countries," *International Conference on the Global Economics of a Changing Environment*, Athens, Greece, 2008.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, Bala Batavia, Parameswar Nandakumar, and Cheick Wague (2008). "Global and regional financial integration in GCC countries," *The Annual Conference of the International Academy of Business and Economics*, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2008.

- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, (2007). "Oil-price shocks and macroeconomic responses: does the exchange rate regime matter?," *The International Economic Conference on Trade and Industry*, Penang, Malaysia, December 2007.
- **Al-Abri, Almukhtar**, (2007). "Economic Variability and Monetary Policy: The Optimal Exchange Rate Regime for an Oil-Exporting Country," *The 6th International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association*, Zayed University, Dubai, March 2007.

Professional Reports

- "Workers Outflow Remittances in GCC," The Statistical Center of the Gulf Cooperation Council of the Arab Countries (GCC-Stat), 2015, 2016.
- Methodology paper: "Macroeconomic Forecasting for GCC Countries," The Statistical Center of the Gulf Cooperation Council of the Arab Countries (GCC-Stat), 2015.
- "Oman's Vision 2040: Practical Guide to Strategic Long-Term Vision," submitted to the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning, Oman, September 2015 (With Sultan Qaboos University's Consulting Team).
- "Evaluation of Oman's Vision 2020," submitted to the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning, Oman, May 2014 (With Sultan Qaboos University's Consulting Team).

Oman Encyclopedia Project

- Served as the supervisor for the section "the Omani Economy" in the encyclopedia during the period from 1/4/2009 until 30/3/2010.
- In my capacity as a supervisor, I have performed the following basic tasks:
 - Establish an encyclopedic field known as the "Omani economy", stock-count and classify the encyclopedic entries (articles) related to this field. Total articles included in the Omani Economy section were initially 110 articles.
 - Provide a detailed structure of the encyclopedic entries (articles) related to the field "Omani economy" and the methodology of writing in this area.
 - Put the operational plan for the field and the related supervision.
 - Provide a list of sources and references to be used in the field.
 - Form a team of assistant researchers and develop the appropriate scientific and legal frameworks to deal with this team.
 - Follow-up the work related to the entries, such as contracts, procedures for editing and fact-checking, and selection and inclusion of non-textual data for each entry.

- Receive the articles from authors; review them for coverage, structure, encyclopedic drafting and request necessary revisions.
- Continuously monitor the progress of work and coordinate its various scientific and administrative aspects with the supervisors of other fields, the non-textual data supervisor, and the project manager, and submit periodic reports on that.
- Contributed in Oman Encyclopedia as an “author” of the following articles: Oman’s economy; Economic development; Traditional Auctions; Savings; Household consumption; Capital formation; Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development; and Public sector.

Research Grants

- 2013: Participated as a **Co-investigator** in a research grant from the Economic Research Forum, Cairo; Project title: “Avoiding the Natural resources curse in oil-rich Middle East and North African (MENA) countries”.
- 2009 – 2010: The **Principal Investigator** in the research grant (IG/CCE/ECOF/09/01) from Sultan Qaboos University; Project title: “Real and financial integration in the GCC countries”.

Teaching and Learning

Instruction

- Since January 2000, I have taught the following courses

Undergraduate level

- Principles of Microeconomics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Finance
- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Introduction to Econometrics
- International Finance
- Economics of GCC Countries

MBA level

- Multinational Financial Management
- Independent Study in Finance

My undergraduate and graduate classes' evaluations have been always above the department and the college with excellent reviews from students.

In recognition of my commitment to teaching and outstanding performance, I have received numerous *Letters and Certificates of Appreciation* from the dean

and have also been awarded the Sultan Qaboos University's Excellent Teacher Award in 2011.

Curriculum Development

At Sultan Qaboos University

- Member of the Restructuring Committee of the Economics Undergraduate Program
- I have introduced and developed "Economics of GCC Countries" undergraduate at the College of Economics and Political Science, 2015.
- I have introduced and developed "Multinational Financial Management" course for the MBA program at the College of Economics and Political Science, 2007.
- I have introduced and developed "Independent study in Finance" course for the MBA program at the College of Economics and Political Science, 2011.
- Participated in revising and updating the MBA curriculum at the College of Economics and Political Science, 2010.
- As a member of the curriculum committee, I contributed in restructuring the degree plan for the College of Economics and Political Science to allow students to have a minor beside their major, 2009 -2010.
- Served as the coordinator of the Principles of Macroeconomics course (with 9 sections), 2012 – 2014.

Outside Sultan Qaboos University

- Member of the main committee to develop a national curriculum in business and economics for the private and public schools in Oman, formed by the Minister of Education, June 2013 (Ministerial Decree 405/2013).
- Prepared two review reports for the Department of Program Supervision, Ministry of Higher Education to evaluate new undergraduate programs in Islamic Banking and Finance proposed by higher education institutions in Oman, 2013 and 2018.

Thesis Supervision

I have supervised the following students in their Independent Study thesis as part of their MBA program (Student name; year; title of thesis)

- Jamila Al-Hamhami; 2010; Testing Muscat Securities Market efficiency.
- Suad Al-Balushi; 2010; Foreign exchange exposure of the banking sector in Oman.
- Amna Al-Farsi; 2009; Real exchange rate misalignment in GCC countries.
- Faisal Al-Shanfari; 2009; Stock market integration in GCC countries.
- Mahmoud Al-Mahadouri; 2009; Foreign investment in GCC countries.
- Thurayia Al-Kiyumi; 2009; Nominal exchange rate pass-through to import prices in Oman.
- Saadeia Al-Darwashi; 2009; Real exchange rate misalignment in GCC countries.
- Huda Al-Weheibi; 2009; exchange rate pass-through to stock prices in GCC countries.

Membership in Thesis Committees

- A member of the master thesis committee of Rahma Al-Harhi, College of Agriculture and Marine Sciences, title: "Estimation of the demand for residential water in Muscat Governorate", January 2014.
- A member of the master thesis committee of Ahmed Al-Shamaki, College of Agriculture and Marine Sciences, title: "The impact of high food prices on household welfare in Oman", February 2012.

Student Advising

- I am an academic advisor for about 50 advisees every semester since 2006.
- Participated in a program to enhance the academic performance of probation students initiated by the College of Economics and Political Science in 2009. Devoted to advise students on academic probation (2009 – present).
- Participated in a workshop to guide students in the foundation program organized by the Language Center of Sultan Qaboos University, 2008.
- Served as a supervisor for a team of two students in the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Economic Research Competition, 2016 (won the third award).

Other Teaching Activities Outside Classroom

- Students' events: worked closely with students in the ECON-FINA Group and the Business Society to execute events that allow our students to connect their academic learning to the real business world.
- Public lectures: I have delivered lectures to general non-specialized audience inside Sultan Qaboos University and outside (see the list of public lectures in section C5.3 Service to the public).

Professional Development

- 2014: Participated in the “Driving Institutional Effectiveness through Performance Assessment: A Best Practice” Symposium, Sultan Qaboos University, conducted by LiveText, Inc, USA.
- 2009: Enrolled in “Supervising Masters and Ph.D. Students” course, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, conducted by Dr. Catherine Manathunga, University of Queensland, Australia.
- 2007: Enrolled in “Innovative Teaching and Learning Training” course, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, conducted by Dr. Wyatt Woodsmall, The International Academy for Training & Consulting, USA.

Service

University Administration and Committees

- Head, Department of Economics and Finance, 2017 – Present.
- Member of the College Board, 2008 – 2010; 2017 – Present.
- Member of the College Curriculum Committee, 2006 -2010.
- Member of the College Research and Postgraduate Committee, 2010 -2012; 2014 – Present.
- Member of the Department of Economics and Finance Recruitment Committee, 2013 – present.
- Member of the Department of Economics and Finance Academic Promotion Committee, 2011, 2013, 2015.
- Member of an *ad hoc* committee to introduce business subjects in the curriculum of College of Education, Sultan Qaboos University, 2007.
- Member of many other *ad hoc* and task-force committees formed by the dean of College of Economics and Political Science (e.g., Student violations).

Chair of International Conference Organization

- Chair of the organizing committee of the 8th International Conference on Islamic Banking and Finance: Risk Management, Regulation, and Supervision, 20-21 December 2017.

Professional Service

Refereeing Activities

- Referred two gallery books for the Oman Museum: Across Ages, March 2018.
- Referee for the Research Council, Oman.
- Referee and External Examiner for the Ministry of Higher Education, Department of Program Supervision, Oman, 2011 and 2018.
- Referee for the Muscat Securities Market Research Competition, Oman.
- Referee for the Qatar National Research Fund, Qatar.
- Referee for the following international academic journals: *International Review of Economics and Finance*; *Economic Modelling*; *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*; *Applied Economics*; *Energy Economics*; *Journal of Management and Economics*, *International Review of Emerging Markets*.

Scientific Committees

- Member, The Scientific Committee of *GCC First Statistical Forum*, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, March 2017.
- Member, The Scientific Committee of *Oman-Indian Relations Symposium*, Sultan Qaboos University.
- Chair, The Scientific Committee of *Oman 2011 International Business and Economics Conference*, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman, March 2011.

Service to the Public

Articles Published in Local Press and Media Appearances

- Appeared as a panelist in a live show hosted by Oman Radio on “Economic openness and government intervention,” June 2014.
- “Threats of remittance outflows in Oman,” *Capital Market*, a quarterly magazine issued by the Capital Market Authority, Oman, Issue No. 57, July 2013.

- “The privatization program and its role in economic development in Oman,” *Capital Market Magazine*, a quarterly magazine issued by the Capital Market Authority, Oman, Issue No. 55, January 2013.
- “Government Spending and the challenges to economic development under the dominance of oil sector,” *Capital Market Magazine*, a quarterly magazine issued by the Capital Market Authority, Oman, Issue No. 53, July 2012.
- “The real estate sector and its role in the economy of Oman,” *Capital Market Magazine*, a quarterly magazine issued by the Capital Market Authority, Oman, Issue No. 52, April 2012.
- “The nominal exchange rate and its impact on international trade competitiveness,” *Capital Market Magazine*, a quarterly magazine issued by the Capital Market Authority, Oman, Issue No. 48, April 2011.
- “Corporate governance in Oman” an interview with *Al-Shabiba* daily newspaper in its annex Khazina, December 2011.
- “Foreign investment in Oman,” A discussion forum organized by *Capital Market* a quarterly magazine and appeared in its issue No. 44, April 2010.
- “Does weakening the currency lead to improvement in trade balance” An article published in *Al-Masar*, the local periodical newsletter of Sultan Qaboos University, issue 209, Feb 28, 2011.
- “Commenting on the results of the Family Income and Expenditure conducted by the Ministry of National Economy” in *Oman* newspaper, issue 10623, July 3, 2010
- “The root and the fruit”, an article published in *Alwatan* newspaper, December 6, 2010.
- “Crude oil, international food prices, and inflation”, An article published in *Al-Masar*, the local periodical newsletter of Sultan Qaboos University, issue 209, Issue 138, May 20, 2008.

Public Lectures and Panels

- “Oman's Economy: Challenges and Future Prospects”, Sutlan Qaboos College for Non-Arabic Speakers, Manah, Oman, July 2018.
- A Panelist in the Seminar “The Economies of the GCC States in the Post-Oil Era: Horizons and Solutions”, Organized by Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Union of GCC Chamber of Commerce, Muscat, May 2017.
- A Panelist in the Seminar “Developing the Human Capital in Oman: An Economic Perspective”, a Panel Discussion at the College of Arts, Sultan Qaboos University, February 2017.
- A Panelist in the Symposium: “Succeeding in higher education institutions”, a panel discussion organized by the Endowment Library of Al-Hamra, Al-Hamra, Oman, August 2016.
- “Recent Developments in the Regional and Global Economy”, The Diplomatic Institute, Oman, April 2016.
- “Oman's Economy: Current and Future Challenges”, Royal Air Force Academy, Gala Air Base, September 2013.
- “Foreign Direct Investment in Oman” The Geography Society, Sultan Qaboos University, April 2012.
- “Oman's Economy: Current Challenges”, the Royal Office, October 2011.
- “Oman's Economy”, the Royal Office, October 2009.
- “Oman's Economy”, the Royal Office, October 2011.

Consultations

- A member of a Refereeing Panel for the Sultan Qaboos Award for Culture, Arts, and Literature, Sultan Qaboos Higher Centre of Culture and Science, August 2017.
- A member of a panel to review the terms of Sultan Qaboos Award for Culture, Arts, and Literature, Sultan Qaboos Higher Centre of Culture and Science, February 2017.
- Participated in the development of “Oman’s Innovation Strategy” as a member of the Economic Diversification Pillar team, The Research Council, March 2015 – December 2017.

- Currently serving as a consultant to The Center of Statistics for the GCC countries (GCC-STAT), Muscat, September 2014 - present. Main task is develop a macroeconomic forecasting model for the GCC block.
- Member of SQU consulting team to evaluate Vision 2020 (the long-term development plan of the Omani government), commissioned by the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning, Oman, May 2013 - April 2014.
- Member of the Recruitment Committee, State Audit Institution, Oman, May 2012 to present (State Audit Institution Ministerial Decree 43/2012).
- Member of the Committee for the Composition of the National Curriculum in Business and Economics for the private and public schools in Oman, formed by the Minister of Education, June 2013 (Minister of Education Ministerial Decree 405/2013).
- Member of an *ad hoc* Recruitment Committee formed by the Chairman of Al-Shura Council to recruit economic advisors, Al-Shura Council, May 2012.
- Member of the founding committee of Al-Hamra Trade and Services Co., a local cooperative company, Wilayat Al-Hamra, October 2009 - May 2010.
- Testimony to Al-Shura Council on the Integrated Housing Complexes, February 2008.
- Prepared a proposal to the Council of Higher Education to establish a "National Fund for Student Loans", November 2001.

Professional Affiliations

- Member of the *American Economic Association*; *The Royal Economic Society*; and *The Middle East Economic Association*
- Research Fellow of the *Economic Research Forum*, Cairo.

<h3>Awards and Recognition</h3>

- 2017: Received a *Certificate of Appreciation* from the Dean of College of Economics and Political Science for the outstanding teaching performance.
- 2016: Received a *Certificate of Appreciation* from the Dean of College of Economics and Political Science for the outstanding teaching performance.

- 2016: Chamber of Commerce and Industry Economic Research Competition Award (supervisor of the student team winning the third award).
- 2015: Received financial awards for publishing two articles that are indexed in the Web of Science and in SCOPUS, Deanship of Research, Sultan Qaboos University.
- 2014: Selected as a *Research Fellow* of the Economic Research Forum, Cairo, in recognition of active participation in ERF activities and outstanding research achievements (upgraded from *Research Associate* status).
- 2014: Received financial awards for publishing two articles that are indexed in the Web of Science and in SCOPUS, Deanship of Research, Sultan Qaboos University.
- 2011: Received the Sultan Qaboos University' *Certificate of Academic Excellence* in recognition of the outstanding performance in teaching.
- 2011: Received a *Certificate of Appreciation* from Her Highness Dr. Muna Aal Said, Assistant Vice Chancellor for International Cooperation of Sultan Qaboos University, for the outstanding performance in organizing the 2011 Oman and India International Symposium.
- 2011: Received a *Letter of Appreciation* from the Dean of College of Economics and Political Science, Sultan Qaboos University, for the outstanding performance in organizing the 2011 International Business and Economics Conference for the college.
- 2009: Received a *Letter of Appreciation* from the Dean of College of Economics and Political Science for the outstanding teaching performance.
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- 2008: Received a *Certificate of Appreciation* from Muscat Securities Market for the outstanding performance in evaluating the research papers for the 2008 Student Research Competition.
- 2008: Received a *Letter of Appreciation* from the Dean of College of Economics and Political Science for the outstanding teaching performance.
- 2007: Received a *Certificate of Appreciation* from Muscat Securities Market for the outstanding performance in evaluating the research papers for the 2007 Student Research Competition.

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- 2004: Received a *Certificate of Appreciation* from the Embassy of Oman, USA, in recognition of outstanding academic achievements in graduate study at North Carolina State University.
- 2003: Received a *Certificate of Appreciation* from the Embassy of Oman, USA, in recognition of outstanding academic achievements in graduate study at North Carolina State University.
- 2002: Received a *Letter of Appreciation* from the Embassy of Oman, USA, in recognition of outstanding academic achievements in graduate study at North Carolina State University.
- 2001: Received a *Letter of Appreciation* from the Embassy of Oman in Washington DC in recognition of outstanding academic achievements in graduate study at North Carolina State University.
- 2001: Received a *Letter of Appreciation* from the Council of Higher Education, Oman, for preparing a proposal to establish a "National Fund for Student Loans".
- 2000: Listed in *Who is Who among Students in American Colleges and Universities* in recognition of achievements and leadership contributions as a graduate student both inside and outside classroom, nominated by Boston College, Boston, USA.
- 1999: Received a *Letter of Appreciation* from the Minister of Higher Education in recognition of outstanding performance in graduate study at Boston College, USA.
- 1996: Received the **Honor Student Award** in recognition of outstanding performance in undergraduate study at Sultan Qaboos University.
- 1995: Received the **Honor Student Award** in recognition of outstanding performance in undergraduate study at Sultan Qaboos University.
- 1994: Received the **Honor Student Award** in recognition of outstanding performance in undergraduate study at Sultan Qaboos University.