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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Strategic higher-education leader and practitioner-scholar of financial technologies. Fourteen years' experience translating emerging tech (Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, RegTech) into institution-wide programs, budgets and research agendas. Skilled at steering accreditation, inclusive governance and resource stewardship while cultivating a culture of innovation, equity and student success. Proven relationship-builder with industry, government and global partners; recognised for data-informed decision-making and transparent, collaborative leadership.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Program Coordinator (FinTech Delivery & Strategy), Seneca Polytechnic (2018 present)
 - o Designed & launched Canada's first postgraduate FinTech certificate; 250+ graduates, 92 % first-destination employment.
 - o Partner with Dean and Vice-President, Academic on strategic-plan execution, KPI dashboards and capital-projects prioritisation.
 - Chaired PEQAB new-programme approval, meeting 100% of quality benchmarks six months ahead of schedule.
 - o Built advisory board of 12 C-suite executives; quarterly insights drive continuous curriculum innovation.
 - O Led pandemic pivot for 20+ course sections, sustaining >90 % retention and top-quartile student-satisfaction scores.
- Professor of Financial Technology, Seneca Polytechnic, Toronto, Canada (2015 present)
 - o Deliver core and elective modules to cohorts of up to 120; integrate real-time market data and experiential labs.
 - Mentor junior and sessional faculty; instituted peer-observation cycle now adopted school-wide.
 - o Principal Investigator on "AI-Driven Fraud Analytics" research stream (external grant C\$150k).
 - o Present program performance and risk assessments to Faculty Council and Senate Academic Planning Committee.
- Consultant (Artificial Intelligence and Forensic Accounting), CPA Ontario (2018 2022)
 - Researched into applications of AI in forensic accounting, identifying opportunities for automation, fraud detection, and financial anomaly analysis, and their implications for forensic accounting, crafting road-map and professional-development framework adopted by 800+ CPAs.
- Consultant (Regulatory Compliance), DebiCan (2021 2023)
 - Conducted regulatory compliance analysis for a new FinTech venture, ensuring adherence to financial regulations and licensing requirements.
 - o Authored compliance architecture aligning FinTech product launch with OSFI and FINTRAC guidelines.
- Consultant (Algorithm Development), BlockStation (2018)
 - Designed and implemented heuristic algorithms to optimise trading strategies and improve efficiency in cryptocurrency exchange operations.
 - Developed predictive models to identify trading patterns and mitigate risk in digital asset transactions, improving exchange price-discovery efficiency by 17 %.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- Doctor of Business Administration (FinTech): Athabasca University (Current)
- Master of Business Administration (Finance): Cape Breton University 2017
- Certified Blockchain & Finance Professional: Blockchain Council 2024
- Certified Blockchain Expert: Blockchain Council 2022
- Certified Decentralized Finance Expert: Blockchain Council 2022

KEY SKILLS

- Strategic Leadership & Governance: Academic budgeting, Strategic-plan execution, Board & Senate reporting, Policy development
- Quality & Accreditation: PEQAB, Ontario QA, Curriculum mapping, Assessment & assurance of learning
- Research & Innovation: Phenomenon-driven research, Grant acquisition, Interdisciplinary collaboration
- External Relations: Public-private partnerships, Government liaison, Philanthropic fundraising
- Technology & Data: Python, SQL, TensorFlow, Tableau, PowerBI, Hyperledger, Ethereum, AWS, Azure
- Values & Culture: Inclusive excellence, Ethical stewardship, Student success focus, Continuous improvement

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