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Education

Ph.D., Finance, University of Minnesota, 2018 (expected)

M.B.A., Finance specialization, Sharif University of Technology, 2013

B.Sc., Mechanical Engineering, Sharif University of Technology, 2010

Research Interest

Structural and Empirical Corporate Finance, Capital Structure, Investment.

Published and Forthcoming Papers

“How Does the Stock Market Absorb Shocks?” with Murray Frank.

Accepted at the *Journal of Financial Economics*.

Working Papers

“Mobility of Skilled Labor, Capital Structure and Investment.” [Job Market Paper]

“Rational Stock Market Catering,” with Murray Frank.

Work in Progress

“Financing Corporate Investment,” with Murray Frank.

“Aggregate Debt and Equity Financing,” with Murray Frank.

“Managerial Incentives and Firm Policies: Evidence from Structural Estimation.”

Teaching Experience

Instructor, University of Minnesota

2015–2016

Finance Fundamentals, 4 credits, 60 students per section

Average Teaching Evaluation: 5.3 out of 6

Awarded for Excellence in Teaching, Carlson School of Management.

John Willard Herrick Memorial Teaching Award, Finance Department.

Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota

2013–2017

MBA: Corporate Finance, Advanced Corporate Finance, World Economy, International Financial Management, Portfolio Management, Merger and Acquisitions.

Undergraduate: International Finance, Financial Modeling.

Teaching Assistant, Sharif University of Technology 2011–2012
MBA: Corporate Finance, Investment Management, Financial Engineering, Managerial Research
Methods, System's Dynamics.

Professional Experience

Investment Analyst (part time), IrFinance Group 2012-2013
(Research Division of Sahand Development Brokerage Co.)

Co-founder and CEO, Lian Engineering, Ltd. 2009-2011

Honors and Awards

Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota 2017
John W. Herick Travel Award, Finance Department, University of Minnesota 2017
Carlson School Travel Fellowship, University of Minnesota 2016
AFA Doctoral Student Travel Grant, American Finance Association 2016
John W. Herrick Teaching Award, Finance Department, University of Minnesota 2016
Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Minnesota 2016
Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Minnesota 2013-2017
Summer Research Fellowship, University of Minnesota 2014-2017
M.B.A. Fellowship, Sharif University of Technology 2010-2013
National Elites Foundation Scholarship, Iran 2006-2013
Distinguished Alumnus, School of Mechanical Eng., Sharif Univ. of Technology 2010
Dean's Award, Sharif University of Technology
(for outstanding performance in the National University Entrance Examination) 2006

Additional Information

Computer: Stata, SAS, Matlab, Fortran, Python, RapidMiner.

Language: English (fluent), Farsi (native).