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PROFILE

I am passionate about the intersection of emerging technology and legal frameworks. I ask the necessary—and sometimes difficult—questions to create solutions that prioritize humanity. This curiosity drives me to stay up late analyzing global research and taking upskilling courses, and I am fortunate to apply these skills to serve my community directly as a young founder. I thrive in interdisciplinary environments, and cross-functional teams where I can contribute immensely while continuously learning. Since the age of 16, I have had the opportunity to meet amazing mentors and lead teams as a supervisor, ensuring alignment while learning from errors I encounter. I look forward to being that policy expert in the room who truly understands the intricacies of technical projects and can shape conversation for effective governance.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Public Administration	Expected September 2030
Hacettepe University, Beytepe Campus, Türkiye.	
<i>Fully funded Türkiye Burslari Scholar , English Medium.</i>	
Turkish C1 Proficiency School	October 2025 - June 2026

Hacettepe TOMER, Ankara.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Technology and Creative Intern, Academic Talent Development Program
September 2025 – October 2025

- Worked on content management of the Ghana Olympiad ed-tech platform; serving as a quality tester and trouble shooting content management issues prior to the Ghana STEM Olympiad 2025.
- Worked with excel to track registrations and checking in of students at the Kangaroo Maths Africa Camp.
- Designed posters , brochures and newsletters to targeted users with Mail-chimp , Figma and Adobe Express.

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS

Silver Medalist, American Maths Olympiad	12 th December, 2023	Southern Illinois University/ SIMCC
Sustainability Boot camp Project Participants Choice Award	29 th June, 2025	How To Change the World Global

PROJECTS/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

[Africa AI Safety Landscape Tool](#)

- Built an interactive African map using HTML , CSS and Vanilla JS. The map has Responsible AI Index Scores per country and data governance initiatives by every African Country.

[Bridging the International AI Governance Divide: Key Strategies for Including the Global South](#)

- Worked on a report with stakeholders that presented recommendations for involving Africa and Asia in the AI development race to curb inequalities advance systems poses.

[World AI Regulations Database](#)

- At an AI Research fellowship at Midas my team I collected data on current AI legislations and built a NextJS app to host.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Regional Lead, [Encode Africa](#) (June 2024 - Present)

Accra, Ghana

- After serving as a chapter organizer for Encode a USA non-profit that advocated for AI Safety. I was promoted to monitor all regions in Africa, where I co-design an AI Safety fellowship, run month AI Safety Hack Weeks and build partnerships with other companies for the African diaspora.

Co- Founder , [The Accelerators Program](#) (May 2024 - Present)

Accra, Ghana

- I lead a team of five that dedicates lots of time to exploring how the typical African youth can forge distinct and influential career routes. Through this initiative, we've encountered truly adventurous students who have accomplished remarkable achievements in global competitions and are now more impact oriented in their careers.

SELECTED CERTIFICATIONS

- IBM Cybersecurity Certification.
- Artificial Intelligence and Law Certification by POLIMI
- AI Ethics and Governance Certification by Microsoft