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RE: Superstars Program

Dear Sir\Madam,

This letter is to express my interest in the scholarship of the superstar program. I am a self-motivated cybersecurity professional with extensive technical experience; I am passionate about leading people at different levels through the cybersecurity realm. I strive to evangelize cutting-edge technology use while maintaining a strong security posture that allows people to be productive while being secure and minimising risk.

I have PhD and MSc degrees in cybersecurity; with many professional-level industrial certifications in computer networks and cybersecurity. I completed my bachelor's degree in 2004 and my PhD degree in 2015. As a senior lecturer at the Centre for cybersecurity Research & Innovation, I am always on the move, travelling to give talks within the industry; to various academic establishments, and government organisations; who are looking to stay safe while moving into newer and more open platforms in today's global IT-driven world. I understand that this career requires continuous education and multi-disciplinary knowledge to be ahead of the adversary; me, being a senior researcher has made this part of my daily routine. I am an mid-career researcher with strong research experience in cybersecurity, with tens of scientific publications in highly ranked venues and many R&D projects with different industry partners.

I aim to build a stronger and much more knowledgeable workforce that can undertake the ever-changing and challenging security footprint. I have made similar advancements in my current position through designing, constantly developing, and updating the cybersecurity courses and degrees at the university. I am passionate about teaching the new generation the latest trends and threats of today's challenging cybersecurity world through practical labs which mimic real-world scenarios and employee real business world threats.

As a board member and head of IT Security for "Go Girl, Go for IT" organization, I love to engage with and empower women to work and make a difference in the cybersecurity world, and more broadly in the IT industry. I enjoy mentoring and helping fresh graduates get the right start in the industry by working closely with them through my connections and R&D collaboration contacts with a range of companies in the industry.

As a person who thrives in high-pressure and fast-paced situations, I strive for positive results with an aptitude for optimizing performance and motivating colleagues. I am energetic, highly motivated and I have an easy-going personality that helps to create a good, productive work environment. I am able to visualize success and identify innovative and effective strategies for achieving it.

I look forward to discussing this opportunity with you. Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,
Amani Ibrahim