2025 SWDSI Outstanding Educator

Professor Khaled Alshare

Dr. Khaled Alshare is a professor of Information Systems at Qatar University. He teaches courses for graduate and undergraduate programs in information systems and business analytics such as systems analysis and design, project management, business analytics, data mining, data visualization and communication, and parametric and non-parametric analysis. Dr. Alshare's passion for education is evident in his teaching philosophy, which centers on two main principles: passion for teaching and compassion for students. His approach is guided by the doctrines "reach before you teach" and Aristotle's wisdom that "educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." This philosophy has translated into tangible results such as recipient of the 2008 Faculty Recognition Award for Teaching from the School of Business at Emporia State University and consistently receiving positive student testimonials.

Dr. Alshare has made significant contributions to curriculum development, showcasing his leadership in advancing Decision Science education including: Developing Master of Science in Business Analytics at Qatar University's College of Business in 2024; Developing a Doctorate program in Business Administration at Qatar University in 2017; Developing two MBA concentrations (Business Analytics and Entrepreneurship) at Qatar University in 2012; Establishing a minor in information systems for the doctorate program in Library Science at Emporia State University in 2008; and Organizing and participating in numerous sessions/panels on curriculum development related to business analytics and information systems courses at DSI and SWDSI annual conferences and other venues.

Dr. Alshare's commitment to education extends to his research, with numerous publications focused on improving teaching methods and understanding student learning including topics such as online learning systems, business communication skills in IS curricula, and managing student projects published in prestigious journals such as Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education, Journal of Education for Business, and The Communications of the Association for Information Systems.

Dr. Alshare has been an active member of both SWDSI and DSI for over 25 years. His engagement extends beyond mere membership, as evidenced by his significant roles within these organizations such as serving as SWDSI officer, program chair, president, and past president, member of the DSI Executive Board as the Asian/Pacific VP, Founder of the Qatar Decision Sciences Institute Chapter (QDSI, August 2020), Serving on the DSI Lifetime Distinguished Educator Award Committee, serving on many committees in the SWDSI, and contributing to strengthening the relationship between DSI and its regional chapters. Serving as the first Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs in the College of Business and Economics at Qatar University, he developed policies for teaching graduate courses and established rigorous criteria for admission for graduate studies.