

HUSEYN ABIZADEH

Innovation Operator · AI-Native Builder · Program Manager

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SUMMARY

Innovation operator and program manager with 3+ years running corporate venturing, accelerator, and incubation programs inside one of Azerbaijan's largest financial groups. Screened 1,100+ startups, supported 150+ teams across 11 cohorts, and facilitated \$400K+ in corporate pilot funding. Also an AI-native builder who has shipped 10+ live products solo — booking systems, attendance automation, and event infrastructure used across 12+ countries. Seeking fully remote, EU-based innovation, program, or product roles.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PASHA Financial Holding

Jun 2023 – Present

Innovation Specialist & Program Manager | Baku, Azerbaijan

- Run end-to-end innovation programs (the WeStart accelerator track: WeSketch → WeBuild → WeScale) within one of Azerbaijan's largest financial groups — **screened 1,100+ startups and supported 150+ teams across 11 cohorts in 3 years**.
- Facilitated **\$400K+ in corporate pilot funding** by structuring startup–corporate matching and managing pilots from intake to deployment.
- Designed and shipped internal operational software that replaced manual coordination: a photo-verified attendance tool (**308 verified check-ins**) and a coworking seat-booking and analytics system (**105 users, 69 bookings**).
- Built and hosted event infrastructure for INMerge and other flagship programs, including MC duties on international startup stages (**3,000+ attendees** at the flagship edition).
- Led international ecosystem engagements — delegations and exchange programs in South Korea, Germany, and Qatar & Saudi Arabia (Web Summit Qatar 2026) — building corporate and investor partnerships.

Tenity

Oct 2025 – Jan 2026

Venture Associate Intern | Remote · Zurich / Singapore / Tel Aviv network

- Selected as 1 of 9 associates from a competitive global pool to embed with a leading fintech-focused venture builder.
- Assessed **20+ early-stage companies** across fintech, AI, and deeptech, supporting deal flow, scouting, and portfolio operations across a three-hub network.
- Contributed to cohort planning, founder-evaluation frameworks, and internal knowledge systems.

Adlet

Jun 2023 – May 2024

Co-founder & Business Development Lead | Baku, Azerbaijan

- Co-founded and launched an in-car tablet advertising network; ran a **20-vehicle pilot** with location-aware creatives and QR-based tracking.
- Delivered **100K+ impressions and 40K+ clicks** and secured **20+ advertiser commitments** including national brands; owned business development, advertiser relationships, and driver-network operations.

Alas Academy

Jan 2023 – Jul 2023

Marketing Specialist | Baku, Azerbaijan

- Led digital marketing for a fast-growing online education platform; built content strategy and ran student-acquisition campaigns that grew organic reach and aligned messaging with course launches.

Abroadventure

Nov 2022 – Jan 2024

Co-founder | Baku, Azerbaijan

- Co-founded a volunteering-recruitment platform matching individuals with NGOs and international programs; designed the matching system and led community outreach across **10+ NGO partnerships**.
- Won a pitch competition among **200 startups** and was recognized as a **Top-10 social-impact project** at StartUp School; earned University of Nevada, Reno coaching and a Reno Startup Week invitation.

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Feb 2022 – Jan 2023

Co-founder & Product Lead | Baku, Azerbaijan

- Co-founded an AI-stylist e-commerce startup; raised **~\$15K pre-seed**, onboarded **15+ fashion brands**, and was selected for the IE Business School + SABAH.lab accelerator. Led product design, brand partnerships, and go-to-market.

SELECTED BUILDS & PRODUCTS (solo-built, live)

ShareAgenda — Founder & Product Lead, 2026 (Live) shareagenda.app

AI-assisted event-agenda platform: branded mobile-first schedules, QR access, AI structuring, search, favorites, and analytics. 220 unique visitors and 603 session opens with zero paid distribution.

Download by Link — Builder, 2025 (Live) downloadbylink.com

Web utility that bulk-downloads public files — URLs, Drive folders, GitHub releases, RSS/podcast feeds, Reddit galleries, arXiv — into a single ZIP, with validation and abuse protection.

2Present — Builder, 2024 (Live) 2present.com

Browser-based presentation tool with presenter dashboard, remote control, session timer, and audience view. 237 visitors across 9+ countries.

WeStart Seat Booking — Builder, 2024 book.westart.az

Coworking seat-booking and analytics tool for program operations; reduced manual coordination. 105 users, 69 bookings.

WeSketch Attendance — Builder, 2024 wesketech-attendance.lovable.app

Photo-verified check-in automation for program sessions. 308 verified check-ins.

Bookin' That — Builder, 2024 (experiment) bookinthat.com

White-label booking-system experiment exploring reusable booking flows, custom logic, and automation.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

MBA — UNEC (Azerbaijan State University of Economics)

Expected Jun 2026

BSc, Petroleum Engineering — Baku Higher Oil School (BHOS)

Project Management Professional (PMP), PMI · Certified Innovation Professional (CInP)

SKILLS

Core: Corporate venturing & innovation programs, accelerator/incubator operations, cohort management, startup-corporate pilots, venture scouting & due diligence, product discovery & validation, rapid prototyping, experimentation, event operations (INMerge, hackathons)

Tools & Methods: Anthropic Claude, Claude Code, Codex, Lovable, Supabase, Vercel, Stitch, Claude Design; LLM integration; Agile / PMP delivery; stakeholder & partner management; public speaking / MC

LANGUAGES

Azerbaijani (native) · English (professional) · Turkish (fluent) · Russian (working)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Pitch-competition winner among 200 startups (Abroadventure) — University of Nevada, Reno coaching + Reno Startup Week. · Top-10 Social-Impact Project, StartUp School. · 500 Global incubation — Uniforum (QR-based venture).