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## **Curriculum Vitae**



Negin Samaeemofrad was born in Tehran, Iran on August 1, 1986. She earned her Bachelor's diploma in the field of Industrial Management in 2008 and received her Master's in Technology and Innovation Management in 2012.

Following her graduation, she started to work as an international coordinator in an NGO and an innovation consultant in a consultancy firm in Iran. Then she applied for Ph.D. in Leiden University, the Netherlands, in the field of ICT in Business in the department of Advanced Computer Science. She also obtained a Marie Curie Fellowship and was accepted as an external researcher at Leiden University. While she worked on her Ph.D., she collaborated with different business incubators and accelerators as a start-up trainer and coach. Currently, she is working in Gemeente Den Haag as a data analyst.

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