



Abeer Abdulaziz Aldoghaither **President of Dar Al-Hekma University**

Since her appointment as President of Dar Al-Hekma University in July 2020, Dr. Abeer Abdulaziz Aldoghaither has led the University with a strategic vision focused on quality education, institutional development, digital transformation, and aligning academic programs and outcomes with labor market needs. Under her leadership, the University has strengthened its presence, expanded its local and international partnerships, and advanced its role in education, research, and community service.

Dr. Abeer's leadership is grounded in a strong academic background and extensive experience in higher education. She holds a PhD in Applied Mathematics and Computational Science from King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, a Master's degree in Mathematics from The George Washington University in the United States, and a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from King Abdulaziz University. Her academic journey has shaped her vision for advancing higher education, supporting innovation, improving academic and administrative efficiency, and creating a learning environment that equips students with the knowledge and skills needed to contribute effectively across sectors.

During her presidency, Dr. Abeer led the launch of two strategic plans that have helped shape Dar Al-Hekma University's direction and future priorities. The 2021–2026 Strategic Plan focused on developing academic programs, supporting research, strengthening infrastructure, promoting financial sustainability, and expanding partnerships in alignment with Saudi Vision 2030. Building on this progress, the 2027–2032 Strategic Plan focuses on innovation, entrepreneurship, student experience, digital transformation, research, and institutional sustainability, strengthening the University's readiness for future needs. This strategic progression reflects the University's move from consolidating institutional development to expanding its impact in education, research, and community service.

Dr. Abeer has received several awards and recognitions that reflect her leadership in higher education. These include the KAUST Change Maker Award in Jeddah, in recognition of her contributions to higher education in Saudi Arabia, and the AIEA Award for Presidential Leadership in Comprehensive Internationalization in Washington, D.C., where she became the first university leader to receive this award. She also received the 24th Middle East Women Leaders Excellence Award in Dubai, in the category of Excellence in Women's Leadership in Education, in recognition of her leadership journey and contributions to advancing education and women's leadership. These recognitions reflect her role in supporting academic excellence and presenting a leadership model aligned with Saudi Vision 2030, particularly in enhancing women's participation in development and decision-making.

Dr. Abeer serves on several boards and committees, including the Board of Trustees of Prince Muqrin University, the Family Affairs and Social Development Committee in Jeddah, the Education and Training Council at the Jeddah Chamber, and the General Assembly of the Sports Federation of Saudi Universities. She also chairs and serves on a number of standing committees at Dar Al-Hekma University. These roles reflect her active engagement in education, community development, institutional governance, and initiatives that support the university environment and student empowerment.

