Achgali

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As students, we often admire the idea of being given the freedom to innovate, create, and orient our own passions. I believe that the Final Year Accelerator program was an initiative that intended to respond to that longing so many of us have.

At first, the idea of independence alluded, in our expectations, to a path of success, useful connections, and individual growth. However, the journey has introduced us to the realistic and practical constraints of becoming an entrepreneur. The story of Achghali through the accelerator program started with the motivation to help ourselves and the AUB community. We wanted a platform that was designated for us to find a part time job that matches our set of skills and expertise. We also wanted a platform where we could find individuals capable of helping us do our own tasks in a more efficient and effective way.

We figured that so many individuals are looking to make an extra income to diversify their wealth resources. We figured that a lot of individuals have to juggle between numerous tasks that they have to carry through on a daily basis.

We decided to develop Achghali, the platform that would allow people looking to earn a bit of money to connect to employers and fulfill a task requested, satisfying both sides. Workers would end up making use of their time and employers would get their task done, while saving money in the process.

Our team finally launched Achaghli. This milestone could not have been done without the guided orientation of the accelerator program. Through the former, we had the opportunity to understand the practical business aspects of a technological idea.

We were taught how to mold the code we wrote, while keeping in mind the experience of the end user. Through the FYP accelerator program, we learned a lot about our capabilities, our limitations, and highlighted the parts of our professional personalities that we need to nurture and develop further.

Achghali is the offspring of a fully dedicated and passionate year of work. Our hopes for the future is for it to grow to become the vision we carry deeply in our hearts ■