

# Abdul Hardi Umar

## Information Security, Privacy & AI Governance Internship Candidate

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### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Highly motivated cybersecurity professional and UC Berkeley Master's candidate with 7+ years of experience in system security, administration, and risk assessment. Dedicated to safeguarding digital assets and reviewing security controls against rigorous compliance frameworks, including NIST SP 800-171 and CMMC. Possesses a strong academic focus on privacy engineering, AI governance, and secure systems architecture. A disciplined, detail-oriented U.S. Army National Guard service member highly capable of independent remote work. Eager to leverage hands-on experience in third-party documentation review, vulnerability management, incident response, and security assessment support to contribute to vendor risk management and broader security, privacy, and governance initiatives at Arkose Labs.

### CORE SKILLS

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- **Risk & Compliance (GRC):** Vendor Risk Assessments, NIST SP 800-171, CMMC Compliance, Control Evaluations, Security Policy Documentation, familiar with SOC 2 / ISO 27001 assessment concepts.
- **Cybersecurity Operations:** Incident Response Tabletop & Live Support, Vulnerability Management, Penetration Testing Review, Security Controls Implementation, System Monitoring, System Hardening.
- **Cloud & Security Tooling:** Microsoft Azure, Entra ID, Microsoft Sentinel (SIEM), Microsoft Defender, Active Directory, KQL, PowerShell, Linux, Virtual Machines, Azure Kubernetes Services (AKS).
- **Emerging Focus Areas:** Privacy Engineering Exposure, AI Governance Interest, Data Protection, Security Awareness Content Creation (Anti-phishing campaigns).

### EDUCATION

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#### University of California, Berkeley - School of Information

Master of Information and Cybersecurity (MICS) | Berkeley, California (Remote) | Jan 2025 – Aug 2027

#### Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology | Kumasi, Ghana | May 2018 – Jun 2022

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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#### A-LIGN | CMMC Staff Consultant

United States | Jan 2026 – Present

- Support CMMC Level 2 assessments aligned with NIST SP 800-171 requirements across multiple client environments.
- Critically evaluate vendor security documentation by reviewing System Security Plans (SSPs), policies, and supporting artifacts to determine control implementation and evidence quality.

- Participate in comprehensive control evaluations across key domains including Access Control, Identification and Authentication, Configuration Management, and Incident Response.
- Analyze evidence from Microsoft GCC High environments (Intune, Entra ID, Defender) to document assessment observations, identifying whether controls are Met or Not Met based on objective evidence.
- Collaborate with lead assessors to understand scoping decisions, shared responsibility models, control inheritance, and C3PAO assessment methodologies.

### **T-Solutions, Inc.** | *Network Engineer*

*Wallops Island, VA | Feb 2025 – Feb 2026*

- Designed and implemented robust security infrastructure components, including firewalls, IDS/IPS, VPNs, and SIEM solutions to protect organizational data.
- Conducted regular vulnerability assessments and penetration tests, identifying and remediating security weaknesses to ensure strict compliance with security policies and requirements.
- Worked closely with cross-functional technical teams to deploy a hybrid cloud network solution, improving scalability and integration with public cloud services.

### **3D Systems Corporation** | *Information Technology Consultant*

*Rock Hill, SC | Dec 2023 – Feb 2024*

- Administered Active Directory environments, configuring security parameters to strictly enforce access controls and least-privilege permissions.
- Maintained and secured Virtual Machines and containers utilizing Microsoft Azure and Azure Kubernetes Services (AKS).

### **Velocitor Solutions** | *Technical Support Specialist*

*Charlotte, NC | Jan 2023 – Feb 2024*

- Managed large-scale user and fleet data within SQL databases, overseeing enterprise deployments and mobile applications.
- Troubleshoot software issues, offered guidance on product features, and collaborated with cross-functional teams to enhance client satisfaction and product performance.

### **US Army National Guard** | *Logistics Operations Specialist*

*South Carolina | Mar 2023 – Present*

- Plan, coordinate, and manage the movement of critical supplies, equipment, and personnel in high-pressure environments.
- Execute precise inventory management, transportation logistics, and supply chain coordination with a strong sense of discipline and attention to detail.

## **TRAINING & ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS**

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### **Microsoft Software & Systems Academy (MSSA)** | *Cybersecurity Operations*

*May 2024 – Sep 2024*

- Completed an intensive 17-week program focused on Microsoft Azure, Entra ID, cloud administration, and cybersecurity tools (Sentinel, Defender).
- Automated asset deployment and performed log analysis using Azure Cloud Shell, PowerShell, and KQL.
- Implemented system hardening and monitoring strategies to detect and respond to cloud security incidents.

### **UC Berkeley MICS Academic Focus**

- Coursework encompasses secure coding, software and network security, cryptography, operating system security, and privacy engineering.
- Actively researching and developing knowledge in emerging AI governance frameworks, privacy compliance, and GRC operations to align with modern technology risk standards.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

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- CompTIA Security+: Monitoring, Visibility, & Reporting
- Cybersecurity Foundations: Security Architecture
- IT Security Foundations: Network Security
- IT Security Foundations: Operating System Security
- Security Frameworks Fundamentals