

ACTIVATION OF VOLUNTEER WORK AT SHAQRA UNIVERSITY (A PROPOSED PARADIGM)

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***ABSTRACT_** The current study aimed at investigating the importance of volunteer work for Shaqra University students. The study also meant to explore reluctance to participation student in volunteer work, then concluding a proposed paradigm to activate the volunteer work at the university. The study applied descriptive analytical method; through applying a questionnaire on a sample of 583 students at the university. The study results showed the study sample approval on the importance of the volunteer work with rate of 88%, including getting the reward by Allah Almighty, and investing the leisure time. The study sample approval on the causes of students participation reluctance in the volunteer work with rate of 78.4%, where the university reasons came first with rate of 80.8%, including lack of training courses that qualify students to practice in the voluntary work, the lack of financial support provided by the university to voluntary work, then came the personal reasons on the second rank with rate of 76%, including the students' fear of volunteer work responsibilities, lack of students' skill of work within the voluntary team. The results also showed no differences in the sample viewpoints regarding these reasons, depending on the variables of the college and the academic year, while there are differences in the sample viewpoints depending on the variable of gender in favor of females. In the light of these findings, the researcher prepared a proposed paradigm to activate the volunteer work at the university.*

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