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Professor Zahra's research focuses on: entrepreneurship in global technology-based industries and companies as well as international entrepreneurship and capability development. His research has appeared in leading journals that include the *Academy of Management Journal*, *Academy of Management Review*, *Academy of Management Executive*, *Strategic Management Journal*, *Journal of Management*, *Journal of International Business Studies (JIBS)*, *Journal of Management Studies*, *Journal of Business Venturing*, *Journal of Organizational Behavior*, *Decision Sciences*, *Information Systems Research*, *Industrial & Corporate Change*, *Research Policy*, *Human Relations*, among others. Dr. Zahra has also published or (co) edited 12 books and conference proceedings.

Professor Zahra's research has received several grants and awards including an honorary Ph.D. from Jonkoping International Business School, Sweden. He has also received several research honors and awards including 21st Century Research Fellow of the National Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers, Fellow of the Southern Management Association, Fellow of the International Family Enterprise Association (IFERA), and the Raymond Institute for Family Business. Dr. Zahra has served on over 20 journal editorial boards as well as a Track Chair for: Decision Sciences Institute, Academy of International Business, and Southern Management Association (3 times). He has also served as the Director of the Babson Kauffman Entrepreneurship Research Conference and as the Chair of the Entrepreneurship Division of the Academy of Management.

Professor Zahra has been a consultant to several companies in the US and other countries. He has also taught in the executive programs at Minnesota, Babson, Georgia State, Georgia Tech, among others. He has also taught in several company-sponsored executive education and customized-MBA programs. Dr. Zahra has taught at several Ph.D. programs in the US and other countries (advising/ chairing or serving on over 70 PhD thesis committees). Professor Zahra has received several awards for his excellent service and teaching, including the Best teacher in the MBA and the Mentor Award from the Entrepreneurship Division, the Academy of Management, for his work with doctoral students.