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I am an Associate Professor at the Department of Clinical Dentistry, with a research focus on immune-driven tissue regeneration. Originally trained as a dentist at the University of Khartoum in Sudan, I have built an interdisciplinary research career that bridges translational and basic experimental research, with a proven track record in securing and managing large externally financed research projects. In 2020, I received the Meltzer Prize for Outstanding Young Researchers, which recognized my research efforts.

I completed my PhD at UiB, where I was honoured with the Faculty's Best PhD award (2015) and have since had the privilege of working and collaborating across institutions in Europe and the USA. Having experienced different academic and organizational cultures, I've come to value diversity in both thought and background. For the past four years, I've been a member of the Young Academy of Norway, where I've actively engaged in research policy and public debate on topics such as internationalization, international students' tuition fees in higher education and Norwegian language requirements. I care deeply about creating supportive, inclusive academic environments, especially for early-career researchers and those from underrepresented backgrounds.

Amid global uncertainties and recent economical challenges affecting the faculty, prioritising diversity and empowering the next generations is a strategic imperative that strengthens the resilience and vitality of our academic community. Serving on the faculty board would be a meaningful way for me to contribute to strategic decisions that promote strong research, high-quality education, and career development for all.

I also bring board experience from the Young Academy of Norway, in addition to being actively involved in various institutional roles, including the scientific advisory board for the laboratory animal facility and the EU committee at the Faculty of Medicine.

I hope to bring this experience, along with my commitment to collaboration and inclusivity, to the board.