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DR. PROSE IVY G. YEPES
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THRU: **DR. BEATRIZ S. BELONIAS**
VP for Academic Affairs
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Dear Dr. Yepes,

Good day!

I am Ian Dave B. Custodio, currently serving as an instructor and one of the junior faculty members of the Department of Economics here in VSU. I am writing this letter to signify my sincere interest in pursuing my graduate study this year in line with our department's faculty development plan.

To conform with the said plan, I am planning to enroll in the PhD in Economics program in one of the prestigious institutions in the country, particularly at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) which is Top 4 in EduRank and THE, both in 2024. I have chosen this school since there's still no faculty in the Department who graduated from UST and to conform also with the university's advocacy to have the faculty members enrolled in the various institutions in order to avoid in-breeding and acquire diverse skillset and knowledge. As of the moment, I am still processing my admission to the said university and I'm just waiting for its approval.

Further, I really find it hard to look for scholarship grants since there are no available scholarships for PhD in Economics from the various granting institutions (e.g., CHED, DOST, etc.). Hence, I would like to seek the university's support through the VSU Fellowship Scholarship. If granted, I would really assure you my commitment and diligence to finish the said degree program in due time and will not take for granted this privilege.

Hoping for your favorable approval on this academic endeavor. Thank you very much and God bless!

Sincerely,


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