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Subject: Letter of Intent to Pursue Graduate Studies Abroad

Dear Dr. Nuñez,

Warmest greetings!

I am writing to express my intent to pursue PhD degree program abroad. I received admission as well as a PhD scholarship from Katholieke Universiteit (KU) Leuven, Leuven, Belgium which will officially start on January 15, 2025. The same university and faculty where I graduated with my MS in Sustainable Development.

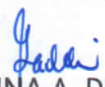
The PhD program is research-based and the duration 4 years with a scholarship. The approved and funded research proposal is entitled: *"Fostering Gender-Inclusive Disaster Governance through the Democratization of Public Sphere and Social Innovations: The Critical Role of Multi-stakeholder Partnerships in the Philippines"*. This research is relevant to the social science research that I do and the courses that I teach at VSU. Additionally, the timing of the start of the PhD aligns with the ISRDS Faculty Development Plan.

I enclosed herewith the Letter of Admission, Letter of Scholarship Award from KU Leuven to my PhD Promoter (Prof. dr. Constanza Parra Novoa), and the research plan for the doctoral program for your perusal. Please know that the Letter of Scholarship Award indicated that the start will be in October 2024. However, I requested to move it to January 2025 to align it with the ISRDS' Faculty Development Plan.

In line with this, I humbly request the Department Personnel Committee's endorsement of my application for a study leave with pay and my request that VSU support the expenses for visa processing.

Thank you and I look forward to your favorable response to my request.

Sincerely yours,


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