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Thru: Dr. Rotacio S. Gravoso
VP for Academic Affairs/Chair Scholarship and Fellowship Committee

Subject: **Request for Travel Grant to Present Paper at the ISSAAS Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam**

Dear Dr. Dr. Yepes,

Warm greetings of respect.

I respectfully submit this request for financial assistance to enable my participation in the **International Society for Southeast Asian Agricultural Sciences (ISSAAS) International Conference**, which will be held at the **Vietnam National University of Agriculture, Hanoi, Vietnam** on November 6-8, 2025 (see attached invitation and acceptance letter).

I am honored to inform you that my paper, where I am the **lead author** entitled **"DESIGNING FARMER-CENTERED CROP INSURANCE: A CHOICE EXPERIMENT AMONG VEGETABLE GROWERS IN LEYTE, PHILIPPINES"**, has been accepted for presentation at this prestigious conference. The ISSAAS Conference serves as a significant academic platform for advancing agricultural sciences in Southeast Asia and beyond. Presenting my research before an international audience of experts, researchers, and policy makers will not only enhance the visibility of my scholarly work but also bring recognition to our University as a contributor to global academic and research dialogues. Participation in this conference will likewise provide meaningful opportunities to:

1. **Establish potential collaborations** with scholars and institutions across Southeast Asia;
2. **Strengthen our University's international linkages** and reputation in agricultural research; and
3. **Bring back innovative insights** that may inform teaching, research, and extension programs in our institution.

In this regard, I earnestly seek the University's support through a **travel grant** to cover my airfare, registration fee, and per diem which are necessary expenses for my attendance and presentation.

I firmly believe that my participation will not only enrich my professional growth but also contribute significantly to the University's mission of academic excellence, internationalization, and research development.



I sincerely hope for your favorable consideration of this request. Please let me know if additional documents or requirements are needed to support the processing of this application.

Thank you very much for your continued support and commitment to advancing our University's academic endeavors.

Respectfully yours,

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