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I would like to apply for the position of Instructor in Plant Pathology at the Department of Pest Management. I am currently working as Science Research Specialist I at the Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in the Visayas State University (VSU). I obtained my Bachelor's Degree in Plant Protection specializing in Plant Pathology and Master's Degree in Plant Pathology from VSU. My undergraduate and graduate studies have developed my passion, knowledge, and skills in plant diagnostics, especially DNA extraction and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR). My undergraduate research on PCR-based identification of bacterial heart rot of abaca, funded by the Pest Management Council of the Philippines (PMCP), was awarded the Best Undergraduate Thesis by the Phi Delta Honor Society of VSU. My undergraduate thesis was also published in a refereed scientific journal, the Journal of Tropical Plant Pathology. My graduate research, on the other hand, focused on the characterization of tomato bacterial diseases and their causal organisms including their morphological, cultural, physiological, and molecular characteristics.

Since 2014, I have worked as a research assistant in different research projects in VSU. My job was mostly field and laboratory-based. I collected specimens from the field, analyzed these in the laboratory, and isolated/cultured their causal organisms on different crops such root crops, vegetables, abaca, and pili. I have worked as a lecturer at the College of Agriculture and Agri-Industries at Caraga State University in 2020, handling Crop Protection 21 and 22 courses, and as a part-time instructor at the Department of Pest Management in 2021 handling Microbiology 22. I have served as a resource person on the appropriate disease management strategies of different agricultural crops, particularly Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques. These experiences have honed my knowledge and skills in research, laboratory work, and imparting knowledge to students and farmers.

I wish to continue my work in research and teaching. I believe that the position I am applying for will give me the opportunity to do so. Thank you for considering my application.

Respectfully,


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Applicant