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Dr. Cherly C. Batistel

Department Head
Visayas State University Main
Visca, Baybay City, Leyte

Dear Dr. Batistel,

Good day, ma'am!

My name is Gideon R. Yepes, and I am writing to express my interest in the instructor position in your department. I graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, Major in Zoology, from Visayas State University - Baybay Campus. I was the fourth highest honor in the class of 2023, a consistent President's honoree for four years, and a recipient of the DOST-SEI RA 7687 scholarship.

From September 2023 to May 2024, I worked as a part-time instructor in the Department of Biological Sciences at the same university. I taught courses in zoology, microbiology and parasitology, cell and molecular biology, botany, genetics, evolutionary biology, and systematic biology. This role allowed me to develop and implement effective teaching strategies for both lecture and laboratory classes. It also deepened my enthusiasm for academic responsibilities, including course preparation, instruction, and class management.

I was also actively involved in a research and development project under the Department of Pest Management (DPM), College of Agriculture and Food Sciences, during my undergraduate thesis. The Biotyping project, which involved international partnerships with Australia and Indonesia, helped me gain expertise in molecular biology and biotechnology, particularly in DNA extraction, gel electrophoresis, polymerase chain reaction, spectrophotometry, and bioinformatics. Additionally, this experience honed my organizational and strategic thinking skills. My passion for this field was further ignited by attending webinars and training sessions on molecular data processing and analysis.

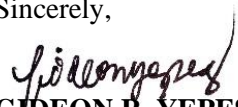
Beyond my academic and research experiences, I actively serve as the youth president and secretary-treasurer of our local church and the Eastern Visayas group of churches, respectively. I am also the associate editor and circulation manager of our official church publication. As a member of the #ProjectSAVEME voluntary organization, I work towards mangrove restoration and environmental conservation. These roles have strengthened my communication, decision-making, problem-solving, ecological awareness, social responsibility, and leadership skills. In my spare time, I continuously work on improving my creative writing and acquiring new skills.

With these experiences, I am confident that my combination of hard and soft skills will make me an effective and reliable instructor. I am eager to learn, grow, and adapt to the needs and requirements of your esteemed institution.

I hope to have the opportunity to discuss my application further in an interview. I can be reached via email at yepesgideon@gmail.com or by phone at 0921-410-0027.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of joining your department.

Sincerely,


GIDEON R. YEPES
Applicant