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Head, Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory
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Dear Dr. Piamonte,

I would like to apply for the position of Science Research Specialist I in the Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. I recently obtained my Master's Degree in Plant Pathology from the Visayas State University (VSU) where I also had my Bachelor's Degree in Plant Protection. 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 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. I also worked as a part-time instructor at the Department of Pest Management last semester. These experiences have honed my knowledge and skills in research, laboratory work, and imparting knowledge to students.

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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