

**August 25, 2023**

**Dr. Edgardo E. Tulin**

President

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Director, Human Resource Management (HRM)

Dear Dr. Tulin,

Good day Dr. Tulin!

I am Gideon R. Yepes and I am pleased to apply for a part-time instructor position at the Department of Biological Sciences (DBS). I graduated Magna Cum Laude and the fourth with highest honors of the class of 2023 and have been a consistent President's honoree for 4 years under this department. I am also a previous grantee of the DOST-SEI RA 7687 scholarship.

I have experience in research and extension work and was involved in one of VSU's research and development efforts through my undergraduate thesis entitled: "Molecular characterization and phylogenetic analysis of cytochrome *c* oxidase subunit 1 (*COXI*) gene in coconut rhinoceros beetle, *Oryctes rhinoceros* Linn. (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae) from selected localities in the Leyte province" under the Department of Pest Management - Biotyping project with international partnerships from Australia and Indonesia. The said project has developed my skillset and enthusiasm in the field of scientific research, particularly molecular biology and biotechnology, and this has also honed my organizational and strategic thinking and planning skills.

Moreover, I am an active youth president and secretary-treasurer of our local church and the whole Eastern Visayas group of churches, respectively. I am also the associate editor and circulation manager of our official church publication. For the last few years, I have been a member of the organization of biology students (OBioS) and the #ProjectSAVEME voluntary organization which unifies environmental warriors towards the goal of mangrove restoration. These responsibilities have intensified my verbal and written communication, decision-making, problem-solving, ecological awareness, social responsibility, and servant leadership qualities. In my spare time, I always aim to develop my creative writing skills and acquire new, additional skills. Some skills I learned over time, especially during the pandemic, were digital layouting and graphic designing, playing musical instruments, and writing in Korean Hangul.

With these, I firmly believe that my hard skills and soft skills will make me an effective and reliable employee, and I am most willing to further improve this skillset depending on the needs and requirements of your humble institution.

I am hoping there is a chance for an interview, wherein I can further showcase my potential, and explain how my ministry can be a tremendous asset in your office. I can be reached anytime via e-mail at yepesgideon@gmail.com or through my cellphone number 0915-1940-902 or 0921-410-0027.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to meeting with you for this employment opportunity.

  
**GIDEON R. YEPES**  
Applicant