

APPLICATION LETTER

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Dear *Dr. Ceniza*:

Warm greetings!

I, the undersigned, am writing this letter of application to express my strong interest in applying for an Assistant Professor IV position at the Department of Pest Management, Visayas State University. I was a graduate of a BS in Agriculture (Plant Protection – Entomology) at Visayas State University and finished a Joint Master's Degree in Plant Health in Sustainable Cropping Systems at the Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain, and Georg-August Universität Göttingen, Germany. Also, I was granted permission to conduct my MS thesis about the risk assessment of insecticides against the non-target organisms at the Crop Research Institute in Prague, Czech Republic. In 2021, I was awarded a competitive scholarship to pursue my PhD at the University of Palermo in Italy, where I focused on chemical ecology, specifically on plant-microbe-insect interactions, and defended my thesis on 29 January 2025.

As per my experience, I worked for more than two (2) years as a Science research assistant from 2016-2018 at the National Coconut Research Center-Visayas. Currently, I am working as an Instructor I in the academe since 1 October 2020, engaging in instruction, research, and extension activities. I am also involved as Project Staff of an externally funded project where we look at the various biorational approaches for coconut pest management. As to my working attitude, I am very open to learning new things and good at working in a group composed of different disciplines, cultures, attitudes, and outlooks in life. I can also do jobs with less to no supervision, and finish the work even under pressure.

Should you know more of my personal information, attached herewith are my CV and proofs/certificates of degrees, attended seminars, received awards, etc., or better yet, contact me through my email address jay.ermio@vsu.edu.ph or mobile phone number +639 618431199.

Many thanks, and I am looking forward to your positive response.

Respectfully yours,



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