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Thru: Honey Sofia V. Colis
Director, ODHRM

Dear Dr. Tulin:

Please accept this application letter in response to an online announcement posted via Facebook that the Department of Biological Sciences of the Visayas State University needs two faculty members (Assistant Professor IV). In my *curriculum vitae*, you will find all pertinent information in support of my application for Assistant Professor IV. Allow me to briefly outline my contributions and accomplishments in the areas of teaching, research, and service.

Last June 18, 2021, I earned my PhD Genetics degree from the University of the Philippines Los Baños where I presented my dissertation entitled, Cytogenetic analysis using Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization of normal and makapuno phenotypes in coconut (*Cocos nucifera* Linn.) through the financial assistance provided by the Department of Science and Technology (Research Enrichment Program) and Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD). Because of DOST and PCAARRD, I received training as an Intern under the guidance of Dr. Mei Chu Chung from the Institute of Plant and Microbial Biology, Academia Sinica, in Taipei, Taiwan where I gained first-hand experience of conducting Fluorescence *In Situ* Hybridization (FISH) to detect oil biosynthesis genes in the Laguna Tall variety of coconut.

I also have seven years of teaching experience. For five school years, I served as a part-time Faculty in Western Mindanao State University at the College of Science and Mathematics and the College of Agriculture. Then in SY 2021-2022, I was hired as an Instructor I at the Department of Biological Sciences, Visayas State University. Likewise, I am an affiliate faculty member of the Department of Animal Science in their undergraduate and graduate programs. The subjects that I have handled better prepare future scientists to contribute to the growing needs and demands of our people in the context of a globalized world.

In terms of research, I published two papers entitled, "Biological characterization of big-eyed scad (*Selar crumenophthalmus* Bloch)" and "Predictors of Performance in the Licensure Examination for Agriculturists (LEA) in Western Mindanao State University". At present, I am one of the study leaders under the VSU Internationalization Project, "Biotyping of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetles (*Oryctes rhinoceros*) and its Microbial Control Agents from Philippines and Indonesia".

Lastly, demonstrated in my *curriculum vitae* is the broad range of service I have rendered to my previous University as well as Visayas State University. I consider service a significant yet often overlooked responsibility among educators. My service in VSU includes active participation at the department, college, and university levels. I am the Chair and Co-Chair of the department's Exhibit and Sociocultural Committees, respectively, coordinator of Genetics laboratory classes, and member of the department's AACCUP Local Task Force. In addition, I am the current Assistant Adviser of Mabolo Men's Home.

Taken together, my experiences and accomplishments represent a firm commitment to my career as an educator and scholar. I hold my work in high esteem and strive to do beyond "good" towards excellence

consistently. Hence, I endeavor to improve my knowledge and capacities in order to interconnect my role as teacher, researcher and advocate to make a positive contribution to science education and society. I greatly appreciate the opportunities I have been afforded all these years and I look forward to restart my professional career as a permanent faculty in your University. I believe my credentials, value set, educational competencies, skills, and work ethic make me a perfect fit for tenure status.

I hope the committee finds my credentials merit my application to the rank of Assistant Professor IV. I thank you in advance for the consideration of my application letter and *curriculum vitae*.

I am open to answering questions regarding my application. If you would like to discuss my qualifications further, please do not hesitate to call or text me at 0929-802-2017. I can also be reached by email at darius.minoza@vsu.edu.ph.

Sincerely yours,



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