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Dear Dr. Yepes,

Greetings! I am writing to express my interest in the position of Assistant Professor 2 in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

I earned my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in June 2017 and passed the licensure examination the same year. Not long afterward, I joined the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (FVM) workforce. On September 2021, I earned my masters degree in International Master of Science in Agro- and Environmental Nematology, *magna cum laude*, at Ghent University, Belgium. Currently, I am now developing my specialization in Environmental Animal Health and Biosafety. In addition to attendance in several training-workshops and webinars, I was also part of the team that developed a unified biosafety syllabus which was recently implemented in the state universities under the Philippine Association of Veterinary Medicine Educators and Schools, Inc. (PAVMES).

In my seven years in the academe, I have grown professionally and personally. This is reflected in my outstanding ratings in both the Teaching Performance Evaluation by Students (TPES) and Faculty Performance Evaluation by Supervisor (FPES). As a member of the Instruction Committee of FVM, I have actively participated in the revision of the DVM curriculum and the crafting of the recently approved Maximum Retention and Residency (MRR) Policy. I also serve as a component leader of FVM's extension project entitled: *VET Mends: CVM Integrated Veterinary Outreach*. In research, I was able to publish two scientific papers, one in a SCOPUS index journal. Currently, I am part of an on-going NRCP funded research entitled "*Protect Phil Warty: Mobilizing Citizen Science and Conservation Medicine to Protect the Philippine Warty Pigs from African Swine Fever in Leyte and Biliran Islands*".

I am eager and thrilled by the prospect of applying my experience to this position. Please do not hesitate to contact me at your most convenient time. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

MARJORIE A. CORTES

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