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DR. PROSE IVY G. YEPES

University President
Visayas State University
Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines 6521

Subject: **APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR II (Biology)**

Dear **DR. YEPES**;

I am honored to submit my application for the position of Associate Professor II, to be assigned at the Department of Biological Sciences. For the past nine years, I have had the privilege of teaching Biology at Iligan Medical Center College, an experience that has shaped my passion for education and commitment to fostering scientific curiosity among students. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Master of Science in Biology, and I am currently a PhD in Biology candidate at MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology. Having recently defended my dissertation on May 13, 2025, my research explores the ecology, diversity, and phenology of tiger beetles in Mindanao, contributing to the broader understanding of insect biodiversity in tropical ecosystems.

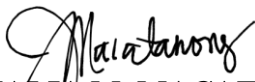
Beyond my teaching and research, I have had the opportunity to contribute to academic administration, serving as Academic Coordinator from January to July 2020, and since July 2020, as College Dean. These roles have allowed me to engage in curriculum development, faculty mentorship, and institutional planning, strengthening my ability to contribute to the growth of academic programs and support students' learning experiences. Additionally, I have participated in IMCC's accreditation process as a committee member for the instructional area, ensuring that educational standards are met and continuously improved.

I have also been privileged to take part in museum development, as one of the founding members of the IMCC Natural Science Museum, where I have served as Collections Manager since its establishment in February 2018. This role has allowed me to help curate biological specimens, support entomological research, and promote biodiversity awareness through museum-based education.

It would be a great opportunity to bring my experiences in teaching, research, and administration to the Visayas State University. I welcome the chance to discuss how my qualifications align with the needs of your institution. Please find attached pertinent documents for your review and perusal.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I deeply appreciate the opportunity to apply and look forward to the possibility of contributing to your academic community

Sincerely,



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