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Search Committee
Visayas State University
Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines

Dear Members of the Search Committee,

I am applying for the Associate Professor in Biotechnology position at Visayas State University. As a proud alumna of VSU, where I graduated magna cum laude in Agriculture, I am eager to return and contribute to the university's teaching, research, and community engagement mission.

I hold a PhD in Agricultural Sciences from Iwate University, Japan, and bring 19 years of tertiary teaching experience in plant cell and tissue culture, biological sciences and research methods. At Nilai University, Malaysia, I served as Associate Professor, Dean, and Director of Research, where I secured programme accreditations, led quality assurance initiatives, supervised over 30 student research projects, and advanced interdisciplinary research supported by SEARCA/Erasmus+ and other grants.

With over 25 peer-reviewed publications and a consistent record of >90% student evaluation scores, I am committed to academic excellence, mentoring students, and strengthening biotechnology education and research at VSU.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,


Alice Escalante De Cruz