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VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
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Dear Hiring HR,

Greetings of peace and respect.

I am writing to express my earnest interest in the part-time Faculty Position in Marine Biology at Visayas State University Main Campus, Baybay City. I am a fresh graduate of Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology from Southern Leyte State University – Bontoc Campus, equipped with both academic and practical training essential for inspiring the next generation of marine scientists.

Throughout my undergraduate studies, I was privileged to engage in various field-based research projects and laboratory assessments including mangrove, seagrass, phytoplankton, and estuarine profiling. Notably, I conducted my undergraduate thesis titled “Ligninolytic Activity of Filamentous Marine Fungi from the Mangrove Ecosystem of Bontoc, Southern Leyte, Philippines: Congo Red Agar, Plate Screening and Categorical Degradation Analysis for Bioremediation Potential” under the mentorship of Mr. Arvin C. Balala, our Faculty and Research Coordinator. This work allowed me to explore bioremediation potential using marine fungi, a niche area that strengthens my foundation in aquatic microbiology and environmental science, essential subjects in the Marine Biology curriculum.

I also completed my On-the-Job Training at the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute – Marine Fisheries Research and Development Center (NFRDIMFRDC) in Guiuan, Eastern Samar. This experience deepened my competence in fisheries management, scientific data handling, and real-world applications of marine research methodologies.

Beyond academic proficiency, I bring with me strong leadership and communication skills, cultivated through active involvement in student organizations, journalism, and science communication events. I am committed, responsible, and passionate about marine conservation and education. I would be honored to share my knowledge and experiences with the students and contribute to your university’s legacy in producing environmentally aware and research-oriented professionals.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of serving with integrity and excellence under your leadership

**Warm regards, Christian John Santiago**