DR. ROMMEL M. GARRIDO Jr.

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Dear Dr. Garrido:

I am Precious R. Guevarra and I am expressing my intent to apply for the **Part-Time Faculty** position at the **Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics, Visayas State University**. I am a recent graduate of MS Genetics with minor in Plant Breeding from the University of the Philippines Los Baños where I also completed my BS Agricultural Biotechnology degree in 2015.

In my five-year research experience at the Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB), I have been involved in various project-based position as University Research Associate. I have handled research projects focused on molecular marker development, plant tissue culture and micropropagation as well as gene editing using CRISPR/Cas9 technology. I have a strong background in genetics, molecular biotechnology and plant breeding specifically crop biotechnology through doing routine laboratory and greenhouse experiments related to the mentioned areas of expertise. The research opportunities aided me to refine skills not only on performing laboratory and field experiments but also develop competencies on communication through acting as a mentor, resource speaker and facilitator on various training programs related to genetics, molecular breeding and gene editing.

I am ready to comply with the requirements of online teaching as I am confident that I could easily adapt with using new technologies and be flexible in terms of alternative forms of delivering lectures and laboratory exercises in any plant breeding topic. I have available resources such as stable internet connection and laptop to prepare activities and timely deliver lectures online. I have attended the webinar series of PSBMB – Southern Luzon chapter entitled "TEACH BMB: Teaching E-learning Activities for Class at Home for Biochemistry and Molecular Biotechnology" where I had the opportunity to hear insights on new techniques of delivering lectures.

I am interested in bringing my acquired skills and knowledge in genetics and plant breeding to mentor the new generation through this opportunity of working as a part-time faculty member at the Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics.

Thank you very much for your time and looking forward to hearing from you to discuss my qualifications and this opportunity in detail.

Very yours truly,

Precious/R. Guevarra