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Greetings!

Dear Ma'am!

I am Althea Lyka L. Lisondra, a recent graduate from Visayas State University. I graduated with a degree in Biotechnology majoring in Plant Biotechnology, and I am writing to express my interest in applying for a position as an instructor in the Department of biological sciences. I believe that my current set of values, skills and qualifications align with the position should I be considered.

I have always intended to pursue further studies in the academe, specifically within the field of biological sciences, and a career as a part-time instructor would allow me to have a hands-on-experience with the academic pursuits involving teaching, publication writing, and facilitating a more learner-friendly environment. Furthermore, one of the key principles taught to us by the Department of Biotechnology is to impart knowledge and further the advocacies involving the information dissemination of biotechnology as a field of biological sciences, as well as a solution for innovation. Plant biotechnology has always been a field of interest and I intend to pursue further studies in the near future.

With regards to my skills, I have had experience working under the Department of Agriculture-Biotechnology scholarship wherein we were required to render service in research institutions for 40 hours for each institution. I have rendered my service and assisted in the National Coconut Research Center, Plant Disease and Diagnostics Center, and the Plant Tissue Culture Laboratory. This allowed me to learn the fundamentals of laboratory techniques. Furthermore, I have rendered my on the job training at the Crop Biotechnology Center at the Philippine Rice Research Institute. My skills include: Gel Electrophoresis, DNA extraction, Plant tissue culture, etc. Finally, in terms of research experience, I have conducted my undergraduate thesis on the Metagenomic profiling of healthy and infected abaca (*Musa textilis* Nee). The department had been a huge help in my thesis by allowing me to borrow the microcentrifuge.

I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute to the Department of Biological Sciences as an instructor, where I believe my background in plant biotechnology and hands-on research experience will be valuable assets.

Thank you for considering my application. I am hopeful for the opportunity to further discuss my candidacy and am available at your convenience for an interview.

Sincerely,
Althea Lyka L. Lisondra

