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DR. PROSE IVY GUASA YEPES

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Dear Dr. Yepes,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Associate Professor II with a specialization in Zoology in the Department of Biological Sciences at Visayas State University (VSU). I hold a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Caraga State University (CSU) and a Master's degree in Zoology from the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB). I am currently a faculty member at CSU since the year 2017 after masters, specializing in the animal biology subjects of the BS Biology program.

Throughout my academic and professional career, I have developed a strong foundation in zoological and animal sciences. I have taught various biology courses, including Zoology, Ecology, Parasitology, Animal Histology, Genetics, Evolutionary Biology, Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy, Invertebrate Biology, Entomology, and Epidemiology. Additionally, I have supervised thesis proposals, guiding students in developing and executing research projects. Each year, I mentor 4-6 thesis advisees, whom successfully completed their studies and present their findings at international conferences. Some of these works have been published in reputable journals, while others are in the process of being published.

As a research-oriented faculty member, I am actively engaged in creating instructional materials such as workbooks for Zoology, Microbiology and Parasitology, Evolutionary Biology, and Anatomy and Physiology. I am involved in research focuses on snail-borne trematodes (schistosomiasis) and their implications for environmental and public health. Currently, I am also involved in drafting three research papers for publication.

My academic training and years of experience as a faculty researcher have honed my ability to teach effectively and engage students meaningfully. I aim to present complex scientific concepts in an engaging and innovative manner, integrating digital tools to enhance students' learning experiences. I am deeply committed to advancing scientific education and research, and I aspire to contribute actively to the university's academic and research endeavors.

I believe my background and professional experiences align with the requirements of the Associate Professor II position. I am confident that I can bring value to the department through my teaching, research, and dedication to academic excellence.

Enclosed are my academic credentials for your review. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further in an interview. Thank you for considering my application, and I look forward to the possibility of contributing to your esteemed institution.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


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