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Dear Madam,

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Greetings!

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Shaira F. Bañega, a licensed professional agriculturist and a graduate of the Master of Science in Plant Breeding program, with a minor in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, from the University of the Philippines Los Baños. I am writing to express my sincere interest in the Associate Professor V position at Visayas State University.

In the entirety of my professional career, I have been actively involved in agricultural research and education, particularly in the applications of molecular biology and biotechnology in plant breeding. As a Research Specialist at East-West Seed Co., Inc., I have had the opportunity to co-lead the breeding program of Eggplant and Yardlong Bean. In my over two years in the company, I have gained valuable experience working with advanced molecular breeding tools and techniques.

In addition to my research experience, I also serve as a Crop Science Lecturer for the Licensure Examination for Agriculturists (LEA) Review, where I have honed my ability to simplify complex scientific concepts and inspire students to cultivate a deeper appreciation for the field. This teaching experience has strengthened my commitment to education and my desire to help shape the next generation of agricultural scientists.

I strongly believe that the responsibilities outlined for this position directly reflect what I have been doing for many years. I am hoping that with my skills and background, I will be considered for the position. I am excited to contribute meaningfully to VSU and all the students that I will be privileged to teach.

Thank you very much and I hope for your positive response.

Sincerely,

  
Shaira Fuentes Bañega, R.Agr.