



July 18, 2024

**DR. CHERYL C. BATISTEL**

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Dear Dr. Batistel,

Greetings of Peace!

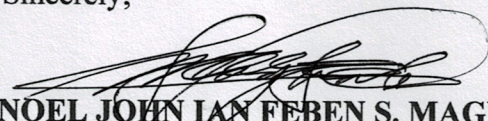
I am writing to express my interest in applying for a faculty position at your university: Visayas State University (VSU). I recently earned my doctoral degree in Biology at Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), last July 8, 2024. With strong background in Biology, I am eager to contribute to your esteemed institution and to continue my academic journey in a supportive and collaborative environment.

My doctoral research has focused on seahorse bacteria, culminating in my dissertation, titled "Diversity and functional annotation of bacteria community associated with the epithelial surface of *Hippocampus kuda* (Yellow seahorse) and its surrounding environment." This work has provided me with a solid foundation in isolating and culturing bacteria coming from seahorses, and I have been fortunate to contribute to several publications and presentations. My research has instilled in me a deep appreciation for scientific inquiry and a passion for expanding our understanding of Microbiology and Molecular Biology.

In addition to my academic qualifications, I believe my work ethic and character are well-suited for a faculty role. I am dedicated, hardworking, and consistently strive to maintain a high standard of integrity and professionalism in all my endeavors. My colleagues and mentors have often noted my reliability, collaborative spirit, and my willingness to support and uplift others. I approach every task with humility and a genuine desire to learn and grow, both as a researcher and as an educator.

Enclosed with this letter are my curriculum vitae, copies of my certificates, and copies of my relevant publications. I am eager to discuss how my background, skills, and aspirations align with the goals of your department. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the continued success and growth of Visayas State University (VSU).

Sincerely,

  
**NOEL JOHN IAN FEBEN S. MAGUATE, PhD.**