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16 September 2024

**MR. KENNETH ORAIZ**

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Dear **Mr. Oraiz**:


Congratulations for having qualified for the full graduate scholarship award under the **DOST-SEI-UAlberta S&T Graduate Scholarship Program** for the pursuance of Ph.D. in Renewable Resources, Soil Science at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada to commence in January 2025.

Please prepare and submit to DOST-SEI the following requirements:

1. Photocopy of 2 valid IDs (front and back);
2. 1 pc. 2x2" and 2 pcs. 1x1 colored picture with white background wearing semi-formal attire;
3. Passport, current and valid – clear photocopy of the page with personal information;
4. Notarized Co-Maker Undertaking. The Co-Maker must have the capability to pay back the financial benefits received by the scholar with 12% interest and will not travel with the scholar;
  - 4.1 Certificate of Employment of the Co-Maker indicating the employment status and salaries remunerations;
  - 4.2 Office ID of the Co-Maker – photocopy (front and back); and
  - 4.3 2023 Income Tax Return of the Co-Maker.
5. Notarized Special Power of Attorney of immediate relative (preferably the parent or sibling) of legal age who will be authorized to transact with the DOST-SEI while you are studying abroad and will sign as Witness in the Agreement;
6. Landbank of the Philippines (LBP) Personal Account Number (any branch); and
7. Letter of Commitment that you will return to the Philippines after completion of the degree.

Please be advised to report to the Philippine Embassy upon arrival in Canada and before the date of your departure back to the Philippines after completion of your degree.

Very truly yours,

  
**ALBERT G. MARIÑO**  
Director III and OIC, SEI





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## CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that **MR. KENNETH ORAIZ** is a recipient of a 4-year full graduate scholarship under the **Department of Science and Technology – Science Education Institute – University of Alberta (DOST-SEI-UA Alberta) S&T Graduate Scholarship Program** for the pursuance of Ph.D. in Renewable Resources, Soil Science at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada.

Mr. Oraiz will do his research titled “Variations of Carbon Stocks, <sup>15</sup>N Abundance and Properties of Volcanic Forest Soils at Different Successional Stages” in the said university from January 2025 to December 2028.

As a scholar, he is entitled to receive financial assistance under the DOST-SEI foreign graduate scholarship in the amount of **PhP5,576,696.00** which will cover the following:

Budgetary Requirement	Approved Amount by SEI
Travel Expenses (Visa application and processing Fees, and Roundtrip Economy Airfare)	CAD5,284.04/ PhP220,287.40
Tuition and other school fees	CAD27,888.80/ PhP1,162,661.76
Living Allowance (Food, Accommodation, Utilities, and Transportation Costs at US\$1,500.00 per month)	US\$72,000.00/ PhP4,113,720.00
Relocation Allowance	PhP30,000.00
Health/Accident Insurance	CAD1,200.00 PhP50,027.04
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>PhP5,576,696.20/ PhP5,576,696.00</b>

Currency Conversion (<http://www.bsp.gov.ph/statistics/sdds/ExchRate.html>; 14 August 2024)

Processing of the payment for the tuition and other school fees shall be made upon receipt of the billing/invoice and it will be paid directly to the University.

Upon completion of his scholarship program, Mr. Oraiz shall immediately return to the Philippines and render service physically on full-time basis for a minimum period equivalent to twice the length of time that he enjoyed the 4-year PhD scholarship.

This Certification is being issued to Mr. Oraiz as supporting document for the processing of his Visa application and admission to the University of Alberta.

Issued this 16th day of September 2024 at the City of Taguig, Metro Manila, Philippines.

**ALBERT G. MARIÑO**  
Director III and OIC, SEI



Department of Science and Technology  
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Accelerated Science and Technology Human Resource Development Program  
DOST-SEI-UALBERTA S&T GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Name of Student:	KENNETH ORAIZ
Course:	Ph.D. in Renewable Resources, Soil Science
University:	University of Alberta
Location:	Edmonton, Canada
Title of Research:	"Variations of Carbon Stocks, <sup>15</sup> N Abundance and Properties of Volcanic Forest Soils at Different Successional Stages"
Duration:	September 2024 to August 2028 (4 years)
Adviser:	Prof. Scott Chang

**BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS**

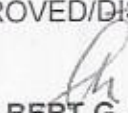
PARTICULARS	AMOUNT REQUESTED					APPROVED AMOUNT BY SEI FOR 4 YEARS* CAD1 = PhP41,689.2 US\$1 = PhP57,135.0 (Aug. 14, 2024)
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	TOTAL	
<b>A. Travel Expenses</b>						
Visa application and processing fees (e.g. Biometrics Fee)	CAD 235.00 PhP9,790.10	-	-	-	CAD235.00 PhP9,790.10	CAD235.00 PhP9,796.96
Roundtrip Economy airfare, local and international airport transfers (e.g. taxi, bus, train, ferry)	CAD2,524.52 PhP105,171.50	-	-	CAD2,524.52 PhP105,171.50	CAD5,049.04 PhP210,343.00	CAD5,049.04 PhP210,490.44
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>CAD2,759.52 PhP114,961.60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>CAD2,524.52 PhP105,171.50</b>	<b>CAD5,284.04 PhP220,133.10</b>	<b>CAD5,284.04 PhP220,287.40</b>
<b>B. Tuition and other school fees</b> (Actual as billed by UAlberta)	CAD12,102.06 PhP504,171.82	CAD12,572.31 PhP523,762.44	CAD12,572.31 PhP523,762.44	CAD12,572.31 PhP523,762.44	CAD49,818.99 PhP2,075,459.14	CAD27,888.80 PhP1,162,661.76
<b>C. Thesis/Dissertation Allowance</b>	CAD4,826.25 PhP201,061.58	CAD4,826.25 PhP201,061.58	CAD4,826.25 PhP201,061.58	CAD4,826.25 PhP201,061.58	CAD19,305.00 PhP804,246.32	-
<b>D. Book Allowance</b>	CAD1,600.00 PhP66,656.00	CAD1,600.00 PhP66,656.00	CAD1,600.00 PhP66,656.00	CAD1,600.00 PhP66,656.00	CAD6,400.00 PhP266,624.00	-
<b>E. Living Allowance</b> Food, accommodation, utilities and local transportation costs at US\$1,500/mo.	CAD26,140.00 PhP1,088,992.40	CAD26,140.00 PhP1,088,992.40	CAD26,140.00 PhP1,088,992.40	CAD26,140.00 PhP1,088,992.40	CAD104,560.00 PhP4,355,969.60	US\$72,000.00 PhP4,113,720.00
<b>F. Relocation Allowance</b>	CAD3,000.00 PhP124,980.00	-	-	-	CAD3,000.00 PhP124,980.00	PhP30,000.00
<b>E. Health/ Accident Insurance</b>	CAD6,250.00 PhP260,375.00	CAD6,250.00 PhP260,375.00	CAD6,250.00 PhP260,375.00	CAD6,250.00 PhP260,375.00	CAD25,000 PhP1,041,500.00	CAD1,200.00 PhP50,027.04
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>CAD56,677.83 PhP2,361,198.40</b>	<b>CAD51,388.57 PhP2,140,847.42</b>	<b>CAD51,388.57 PhP2,140,847.42</b>	<b>CAD53,913.09 PhP2,246,018.92</b>	<b>CAD213,368.03 PhP8,888,912.16</b>	<b>PhP5,576,696.20 PhP5,576,696.00</b>

Note:  
CAD1 = PhP41,689.2  
US\$1 = PhP57,135.0

Reference:  
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Treasury Department  
Reference Exchange Rate Bulletin: 14 Aug. 2024

\*The approved amount is indicative only and is subject to change based on the prevailing currency exchange rate at the time of processing of financial assistance of the scholar

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:

  
**ALBERT G. MARINO**  
Director III and Officer-in-Charge