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VSU Graduate School forges collaboration with Fulbright Philippines and UPLB



The Graduate School expands its internationalization program with the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) or Fulbright Philippines at Fulbright Philippines Manila office on June 1, 2022 in a meeting attended by the graduate school Secretary, Dr. Catherine C. Arradaza and Dr. Anabella B. Tulin, graduate school Dean and officials of PAEF.

Dr. Tulin and Dr. Arradaza were warmly welcomed by the Director of PAEF, Mr. Julio S. Amador III, and Ms. Joanne G. Fajardo, Program Officer of PAEF. During their discussion, Mr. Amador III expressed his excitement to establish with the VSU Fulbright scholarship for

graduate students and faculty. The director added that this will be the first time that such an initiative with the collaboration of a state university was made.

PAEF is aiming to help in recruiting professors from United States of America (US) who can teach in the Visayas State University (VSU). VSU and Fulbright Philippines will shoulder the expenses and aid financially the interested international and local graduate scholars.

The following day, the team from VSU

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DR. ANABELLA B. TULIN

Warmest greetings to everyone!

The first two quarters of the year 2022 were not without challenges. With the persistence of COVID-19, there is still a threat in becoming infected with the virus. However, compared to the first two years since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year is somehow better and safer because of the efficient roll-out of COVID-19 vaccination. In fact, travels are no longer strictly restricted making activities outside the university possible.

On June 1-3, 2022, I was able to visit the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) and the new office of the Graduate School of the University of the Philippines Los Baños. I was delighted and overjoyed during that moment because meeting the director of PAEF means another milestone for VSU's internationalization program. This undertaking will open more doors of opportunities for the teaching and administrative staff as well as students who wish to conduct their study outside the country. In addition to this, more foreign educators will be invited to VSU to impart their knowledge and skills which will be useful in improving the university.

Also, the Graduate School (ODGS) was able to host an in-person orientation for graduate faculty of outcome-based teaching and learning syllabus, held last April 4-6, 2022. It was a very special event after years of doing the orientation online. This time it was different because we were able to personally meet and share ideas with the faculty. It was good knowing that the current situation is easing even with the existence of COVID-19 as we were able to conduct trainings and other activities on a face-to-face mode.

The university was also able to accept visitors from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to conduct the first ever on-site evaluation of various graduate degree programs. As the CHED technical evaluators arrived from the national CHED office, we willingly and cheerfully allow them to inspect our various laboratory facilities and gave them a tour around the campus. It was our pride to showcase to them how far we have come, after several years of serving our graduate students in VSU.

I am also glad to announce that the ODGS is continuously accepting undergraduate students with exemplary recognition (Latin honors) during their college days to pursue graduate studies and avail the scholarship program. There are also available scholarships for foreign students who want to pursue their graduate studies in the university such as the foreign Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) grant, and the Graduate Fellowship Program.

Our journey in the ODGS was rough, with many detours due to the threat of COVID-19 plus other obstacles that we met along the way. However, with the collective efforts wielded by the staff of the ODGS, we were still able to execute what were expected of us. We will continue to live and imbibe our mission which is the attainment of the highest quality of human resource and the advancement of education and scientific research towards sustainable growth and development not just in agriculture and fisheries but as well as in agro-industries in the country. There still is still a long way to go for us in the ODGS and more opportunities to unravel, and we hope to also share these with you in the coming issues.

God bless us always and Mabuhay to all of us!



visited the Graduate School of University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) and met Dr. Ronillo Jose Flores, Associate Dean of the UPLB Graduate School. The visit was made to conduct benchmarking for the graduate school internalization plans. Dr. Tulin and Dr. Flores presented their graduate degree programs, accomplishments and future plans hoping that both universities can establish possible areas of collaboration.

The nearly completed UPLB graduate school building and graduate school dorm were also visited by Dr. Tulin and Dr. Arradaza. The UPLB Graduate School offering of Dual or Double Programs for students in international and national university initiated the discussion of a Joint Program for UPLB and VSU.

The dean's visit to PAEF and UPLB GS opened opportunities for more exciting collaborations relating to the graduate school internalization program, graduate student scholarships and faculty exchange.



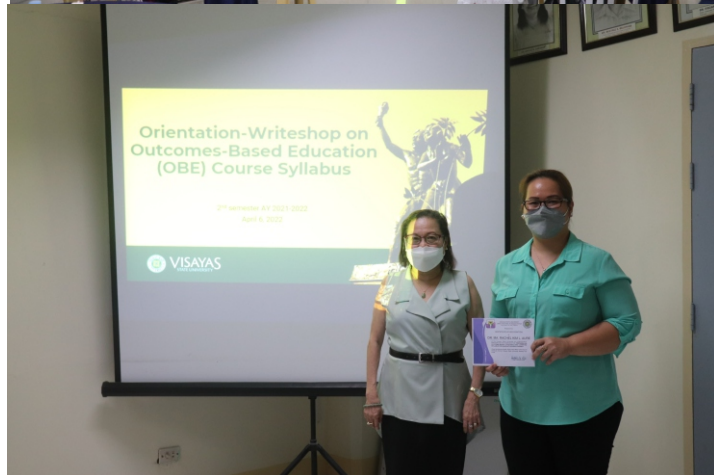
ODGS hosts OBE orientation; gears up for AACUP accreditation

In preparation for the May 24-26, 2022 onsite evaluation of graduate degree programs by CHED relative to the issuance of a Certification of Program Compliance COPC, workshop on the "Preparation on Outcome-Based Teaching and Learning Syllabus for Graduate Courses" was held on April 4 and 6, 2022. The seminar-workshop hosted by Office of the Dean of Graduate School (ODGS) invited Dr. Ma. Rachel Kim L. Aure, Director of the Office of the Director for Instruction and Evaluation (ODIE) and Dr. Nancy D. Abunda, Head of Instructional Materials Development (IMD) office to talk about the topic.

The first day of the workshop was attended by the faculty of the Department of Horticulture (DOH), Department of Pure and Applied Chemistry (DOPAC), Department of Soil Science (DSS), and the Department of Pest Management (DPM). On the second day, it was participated by the faculty from the Department of Animal Science (DAS) and the Department of Biological Sciences (DBS).

The same orientation-workshop was also held on June 8, 2022 at the Center for Continuing Education (CCE) Building, VSU. The morning session was attended by faculty of the Department of Agricultural Education and Extension (DAEE), Department of Agronomy (DA), Department of Horticulture (DOH), Department of Animal Science (DAS), Department of Pest Management (DPM), Department of Food Science and Technology (DFST), College of Forestry and Environmental Science (CFES), Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics (DPBG) and the Department of Development Communication (DDC).

An afternoon session was also held the same day. It was participated by the faculty of the Department of Pure and Applied Chemistry (DOPAC), Department of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences (DLABS), Department of



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CHED Technical Committee conducts the first ever on-site evaluation of VSU programs for issuance of COPC



Technical evaluators from Commission on Higher Education (CHED) conducted its first ever on-site evaluation of various graduate degree programs in the Visayas State University on May 24-26, 2022. Three PhD and eight master's degree programs were subjected for evaluation for the issuance of Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC). The evaluation team was composed of Dr. Candida B. Adalla, and Dr. Aimee Lynn B. Dupo, technical evaluators for agriculture, together with Ms. May Dedeth Talingdan from CHED-OPSD and Dr. Catherine O. Iglesias, CHED-RO8 in-charge of the agriculture program.

The graduate programs evaluated were PhD in Agronomy, Entomology and Plant Pathology. For the master's degree programs, these were MS in Agronomy, Agricultural Extension, Weed Science, Agricultural Development, Agricultural Economics, Plant Protection, Entomology, and Plant Pathology.

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Teacher Education (DTE), Department of Biological Sciences (DBS), Department of Statistics (DS), Department of Business Management (DBM), Department of Engineering (DOE), and Department of Agronomy (DA).

The event allowed the faculty of every department to revisit Outcome-based Education (OBE) and walk through the Visayas State University (VSU) OBE course syllabus. An improved version of each department's course syllabi was also submitted after the seminar-workshop.

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The CHED technical evaluators conducted ocular inspection of the laboratory facilities in the Department of Pest Management (DPM), Department of Agronomy (DA), Department of Animal Science (DAS), Department of Agricultural Education and Extension (DAEEEx), Department of Agricultural Economics (DAgEcon), National Coconut Research Center (NCRC), National Abaca Research Center (NARC), Advanced Research Innovation Center (ARIC) and PhilRootcrops. After the on-site evaluation, documentary evidences were assessed the following day.

Meanwhile, other graduate degree programs such as the Master in Education; M.S. in Development Sociology, Master in Management, MS Language Teaching , M.S. Land Administration and Management and MS Agricultural Economics have submitted their application documents to CHED-R08 for documentary evaluation; after which an on-site evaluation shall be scheduled by CHED-R08.

For the M.S. and PhD in Animal Science and in Horticulture, the evaluation (documentary and on-site) was ahead completed and the Graduate School is just awaiting the final results.

ODGS Announces Scholarship Grants Open Slots

The Office of the Dean of Graduate School (ODGS) is proud to announce the continuation of its scholarship grants to encourage and support graduate students. Three scholarship programs are being offered to foreign and graduate students for academic year 2022-2023.

One of these scholarship grants is the graduate fellowship program for foreign graduate students with eight slots still open. Under this scholarship grant, foreign students can enroll in any of the PhD and master's degree programs in agriculture offered by the university and study full time.

The ODGS also offers the Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) for foreign students with nine slots still available.

Graduate Teaching Assistantship shall be working with faculty members across different graduate programs. They support departmental instructional activities such as teaching classes, assists the faculty in grading course assignments, assists in laboratory class, leading discussion groups, student tutoring, proctoring examinations, and help prepare instructional materials. A GTA could also be assigned administrative duties and responsibilities and other professional activities related to his/her field.

The third grant is the scholarship program intended for VSU graduates who graduated with Latin honors. Under this grant, slots are available every year. As of now, there is only one slot available for AY 2022-2023.

VSU GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN GRADUATE STUDENTS

Eligibility of the Applicant:

1. Must come from Southeast Asian Nations and South Pacific (Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, Fiji, and Samoa) and other countries with existing Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement with VSU;
2. Must be admitted to the VSU Graduate School and start as a new graduate student upon application of the fellowship program. Transferees, continuing foreign graduate students are not eligible; and
3. Must not be older than 35 years of age at the time of admission to the VSU Graduate School.

Privileges of the Scholar:

1. Free School Fees
2. Stipend of \$400/month
3. Thesis/Dissertation support of \$ 1,000 for Master's and \$2,000 for Doctoral

Terms and Conditions of the Fellow:

1. Must have a student visa and comply other requirements set by the International office of VSU;
2. Must have a Certificate of English Proficiency for applicants from Non-English speaking countries;
3. Must take full academic load every semester based on the approved Plan of Coursework;
4. Must maintain a Grade Point Average of 1.75 every term;
5. Must finish the graduate degree program within two years for the Master's Program and three years for the Doctoral Program. In the event that she/he cannot finish within the specified period required, she/he has to pay back VSU the full amount spent for his/her fellowship grant within one month after the specified period to finish the degree;
6. Must not accept any kind of scholarship program or any other financial assistance grant and any kind of engagement while enjoying the fellowship;
7. Must conform with Philippine laws rules, regulations and laws of VSU and to such other regulations as may be duly prescribed in connection with the Scholarship Program;
8. Must submit at least one publishable article for the Master's program and published article in either Science and Humanities Journal, Annals of Tropical Research, Scopus Indexed Journal for the Doctor of Philosophy program upon graduation; and
9. Must return to his/her country upon completion of his graduate degree program.
10. Must sign a fellowship contract with VSU.

VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP GRANT TO FOREIGN GRADUATE STUDENTS

Eligibility of the Applicant:

1. Must come from Asia, USA, Australia, Africa and Europe and graduated with scholastic standing from a reputable institution/university.
2. He/she must first gain admission to the VSU Graduate School.
3. Transcript of Records with contact address (email address/Contact Number) of the University Registrar/College Dean
4. Recommendation Letter from former professor with Contact Number/e email address of the signatory of the letter
5. Certificate of good moral character from the university with contact no. and address of the signatory of the certificate.
6. Must submit a Motivation Letter in pursuing a graduate degree program
7. Must have a research plan on the field sought.
8. Must have a student visa and comply other requirements set by the International Affairs Office of VSU;
9. Must have a competency and fluency of English for applicants from Non-English speaking countries; (Certificate of English Proficiency)

Privileges of the Scholar:

1. Free School Fees (Tuition, Laboratory and Miscellaneous fees)
2. Stipend of P 25,000.00 per month
3. Book Allowance: P 2,500 per semester
4. Medical Insurance: P 2,000.00 per year
5. Transportation: Round Trip Economy Plane ticket for graduate teaching assistants from Asia and subsidy of \$ 500 for graduate teaching assistants from Europe and USA.
6. Thesis/Dissertation support of \$ 1,000 for Master's and \$2,000 for Doctoral (First release - 50%; Second release - 25% and Third release - 25% upon submission of the approved thesis/dissertation manuscript).

Terms and Conditions of the Fellow:

1. Must take any of the Master of Science/Doctor of Philosophy programs in the university
2. Must enroll 9-12 units of graduate courses every semester

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Scholarship of DOST-SEI Privileges

Eligibility of the Applicant:

1. Must be a Filipino citizen;
2. Must not be more than 50 years old at the time of application;
3. Must be in good health condition;
4. Must pass the admission requirements for graduate studies at any of the NSC member-universities and;
5. Must pass the interview and other screening procedures.

Who else may apply?

1. PhD graduate in a priority S&T program (scholar or non-scholar) who intends to pursue a second PhD degree.
2. MS/PhD non-scholar graduate (not S&T related) who intends to pursue a second MS/PhD degree

Privileges of the Scholar :

Scholarship Privileges		Masters	Doctorate
Tuition and other school fees		Actual tuition and other fees	
Stipend		Php 25,000 per month	Php 33,000 per month
Book allowance		Php 20,000 per Academic Year	
Transportation allowance		Actual	
Insurance Coverage		Premium	
Thesis/Dissertation, outright		Php 60,000	Php 100,000
Student Research Support Fund	Research Grant	Php 89,000	Php 253,000
	Dissemination Grant	Php 75,000	Php 150,000
	Mentor's Fee	Php 36,000	Php 72,000

Terms of scholarship:

1. The scholarship award shall be for full-time graduate studies to ensure on time completion of the MS/PhD degree in any of the DOST identified priority fields.
2. The scholar must NOT be employed or practicing his/her profession while on scholarship. He/She must secure approval for official leave of absence, if employed.
3. The awardee shall execute a Scholarship Agreement with the DOST-SEI and the Training Institution.
4. The academic performance of the scholar shall be evaluated every school term based on established policies to determine his/her scholarship status.

CHED SIKAP SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

Eligibility of the Applicant:

1. Must be a Filipino citizen
2. For those employed, must have an approved study leave for full-time study from the start of the scholarship and for the duration of study or, an issued certification of deloading of teaching units/work responsibilities/assignment from the Head of the Human Resource Office or its equivalent and attested by the HEID President or its equivalent;

For those previously employed:

1. Must be separated from service/discharged within the last twelve (12) months at the time of application;
2. The separation from service/discharge was not due to an administrative charge, dismissal or just causes as attested by a certification issued by the Head of the Human Resource Office of the previous employer.
3. Must be admitted or will enroll in graduate degree programs identified in the Scope and Coverage;
4. Must be physically fit and mentally prepared to undertake and complete graduate work as supported by a medical certificate; and
5. Age is not more than 50 years old to allow the applicant sufficient time to render and complete return service obligation after obtaining her/his graduate degree and impart her/his acquired degree to the higher education sector.

Privileges of the Scholar :

Financial Privileges and Incentives	Masters	Doctorate
Tuition and other Fees	Actual tuition and other fees	
Living Allowance	Php 37,000 x number of months per term	Php 50,000 x number of months per term
Book/Subscription and other Resources Allowance	Php 24,000 / academic year to be released evenly across terms	
Transportation and Communication Assistance	Php 24,000 / academic year to be released evenly across terms	
Thesis/Dissertation/Capstone Project Allowance (if applicable)	Php 60,000	Php 120,000
If Thesis/Dissertation is published to Scopus	Php 50,000	
If Thesis/Dissertation is peer-reviewed	Php 30,000	

Terms of Scholarship:

1. Completion of graduate degree requirements within the study duration. In case a scholar has been granted an extension beyond the original study plan, the completion of graduate degree requirements within the adjusted study duration;
2. Full compliance with the return service obligation;
3. Submission of all required reports;
4. In case of termination prior to the period that a scholar is expected to graduate, settlement of obligation.

VSU Scholarship Program for Honor Undergraduates of VSU for Graduate Study at VSU

Eligibility of the Applicant:

1. Must have graduated at VSU with honors in the last five years.
2. Must be admitted to the VSU Graduate School.
3. Must start as a new student upon application of the scholarship program. Transferees, continuing students are not eligible.
4. Must not be older than 25 years of age at the time of admission to the VSU Graduate School.
5. Must take a graduate program which is vertically aligned with his/her baccalaureate degree program.
6. VSU employee can avail of the program if he/she meets the above mentioned eligibility requirements.

Privileges of the Scholar :

1. Free School Fees
2. Stipend of P20,000/month
3. Thesis support of P50,000

Terms of scholarship:

1. Must take full academic load every semester based on the approved Plan of Course Work
2. Must maintain a Grade Point Average of 1.50 every term.
3. Must finish the graduate degree program within two years. In the event that he/she cannot finish within the specified period required, she/he has to pay back VSU the full amount spent for his/her grant within one month after the specified period to finish the degree.
4. Must not accept any kind of scholarship program or any other financial assistance grant and any kind of engagement while enjoying the scholarship.
5. Must work at VSU after finishing the program if vacant position is available or in any agency/institution within the Philippines for a period of time at the rate of two years for every year of the avilment of the scholarship grant.
6. Must conform to all rules, regulations and laws of VSU and to such other regulations as may be duly prescribed in connection with the Scholarship Program.
7. Must submit at least one published article upon graduation in either Science and Humanities Journal, Annals of Tropical Research, Scopus Indexed journal.
8. Must sign a scholarship program contract with VSU.

Outcome-Based Education Orientation (June 8,2022)



Student Adviser ratio

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) prescribes that there should only be a maximum of thesis advisees per faculty for graduate programs in-campus and off-campus students.

This program requirement is indicated in the CHED Memorandum Order (CMO) 15 series of 2019, section 15. According to CHED, a graduate student should be assigned an adviser to discuss intellectual and professional concerns aside from choice of course enrollment and compliance of course and degree requirements.

The Graduate School shall strictly implement this policy starts AY 2022-2023.

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3. Must teach two laboratory courses (6 units) every semester
3. Must maintain a Grade Point Average of 1.50 for Master's and doctoral student every term;
4. Assistantships are awarded for each academic year but can be awarded for up to 3 years for Master of Science and 4 years for Doctor of Philosophy. Students must apply each academic year.
5. Must finish the graduate degree program within three years for the Master's Program and four years for the Doctoral Program. In the event that she/he cannot finish within the specified period required, she/he has to pay back VSU the full amount spent for his/her fellowship grant within one month after the specified period to finish the degree;
6. Must not accept any kind of scholarship program or any other financial assistance grant and any kind of engagement while

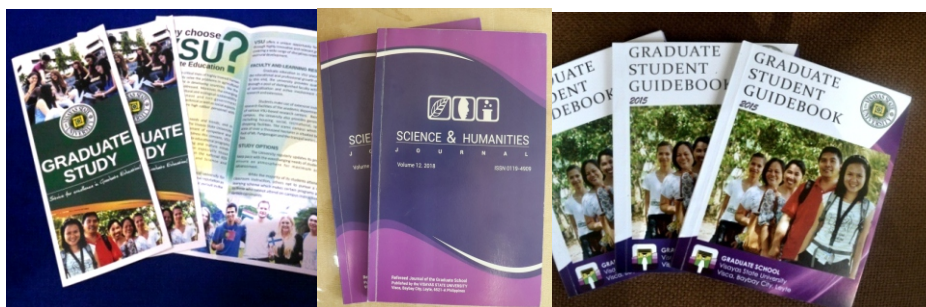
enjoying the assistantship. However, for thesis/dissertation support, the student can apply for additional funding from other sources..

7. Must conform with Philippine laws, rules, regulations and laws of VSU and to such other regulations as may be duly prescribed in connection with the Assistantship Program;
8. Must submit at least one publishable/published article for Master's and published article in either Science and Humanities Journal, Annals of Tropical Research, Scopus Indexed Journal for Doctor of Philosophy upon graduation;
9. Must return to his/her country upon completion of his graduate degree program.
10. Must sign a Graduate Teaching Assistantship contract with VSU

GRADUATE SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

Here's the list of ODGS publications:

- Graduate Student Guidebook
- VSU Graduate School Code
- Graduate School Program Manual of Operations
- GradNewsLine
- Science and Humanities Journal
- Graduate School Information Bulletin



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