VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY ViSCA, Baybay, Leyte

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This agreement made and entered into by and between:

The Visayas State University (VSU) formerly the Leyte State University (LSU), which was renamed from LSU to VSU by virtue of R.A 9437 with principal office at Baybay City, Leyte, duly represented by the University President, **DR. EDGARDO E. TULIN** hereinafter referred to as the **GRANTOR**;

-and-

CHERYL C. BATISTEL, of legal age, single, Filipino, with residence and postal address in Brgy. Bactul II, Maasin City, Southern Leyte hereinafter referred to as the GRANTEE;

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Visayas State University has to promote staff development through faculty Scholarship, Fellowship or Financial Assistance for graduate/post graduate work in major fields of specialization;

WHEREAS, the GRANTEE has fully and satisfactorily met all the requirements as to qualification, standards and criteria set for the **Grant**;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual stipulations and conditions hereinafter contained, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Subject to the terms and conditions stated below, the University hereby awards to the Grantee, and the latter hereby accepts a Financial Assistance Grant to be effective on February 1, 2019 and to terminate on January 31, 2020 subject to renewal upon recommendation of the VSU Scholarship Committee and compliance with the pertinent provisions of this Contract for the completion of a PhD in Biology to be pursued by the Grantee pursuant to and by virtue of this award, unless otherwise terminated earlier in accordance with this covenant. In case of an approved renewal or extension of her Financial Assistance Grant beyond the period specified in this Contract, there shall be no more necessity for another instrument to be drawn. However, the maximum period allowable to complete the degree is six semesters (6) and two (2) summers only.
- 2. The **GRANTEE** agrees and binds *herself* to:
 - a. Pursue the degree of **PhD in Biology** for which this award is granted at the University of Rostock, Germany, under the Research Training Group Baltic TRANSCOAST in project B1: Salinity Effects on Peatland Vegetation which she has just been granted upon the recommendation of VSU;
 - b. Conduct *herself* in a manner not to bring disgrace or dishonor to *herself* and/or *her* country and University;
 - c. Take a full academic load every semester without changing *her* field of specialization without prior clearance from the GRANTOR;
 - d. Conform to all rules, regulations and laws of the institution *she* is attending and to such other regulations as may be duly prescribed by the GRANTOR in connection with the Financial Assistance Grant;

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- e. Retain the Financial Assistance Grant throughout the period unless compelled to withdraw for urgent reasons and upon approval of the GRANTOR;
- f. Accept no other kind of Financial Assistance Grant without clearance from VSU except the University of Rostock, Germany University Financial Assistance Grant, which she has just been granted upon the recommendation of VSU;
- g. Maintain a semestral grade point average acceptable to the graduate school and submit progress report after each semester or summer of her studies as basis for the yearly renewal of the grant;
- h. Return service shall only commence after completion of the degree subject of this grant. In case of health reasons and other justifiable causes, return service may be temporarily allowed upon recommendation of the adviser and the Dean of Graduate School where the Grantee is studying, said service, however, shall not be considered as partial compliance of the GRANTEE's service obligation;
- i. Return to VSU immediately at the end of the semester when her studies or course under the GRANT is completed. Should the grantee fails to return to service during the summer term immediately after her completion of the degree will mean that said absences will be WITHOUT PAY unless the GRANTEE has leave or service credits where her absences will be charged. Summer vacation pay is only granted to faculty members in active service as teachers for the full two semesters or three trimesters preceding the summer vacation.
- j. Submit a written report on *her* studies within sixty (60) days after return to duty;
- k. Serve VSU for a period of time at the rate of two years for every year or a fraction thereof not less than two months of availment of the GRANT outside the Philippines, less than two months of enjoyment of said grant shall be served for half the rate.
- 1. Failure to comply with the preceding paragraph or willful abandonment of the grant, resulting to the non-completion of the degree pursued shall obligate the **GRANTEE** to reimburse immediately in full to the **GRANTOR** all the expenses that the latter or the Philippine Government may have incurred including transportation, salaries and other expenses related thereto as well as external financial grants given through or upon endorsement of the University in connection with *her* **GRANT** plus an equity charge equivalent to 100% of the total amount expended, in which case shall not be less than P 5,000.00 and 14% interest per annum from the date of breach or revocation. It should be fully understood that proportionate refund shall in NO CASE be allowed.
- m. Pay back VSU the full amount spent for her GRANT if the GRANTEE fails to complete or finish the degree due to any of the following reasons: resignation, voluntary retirement or failure to meet the academic standards of the program due to negligence and non-health reasons. Returning to VSU to serve the University without completing the degree shall not free the GRANTEE of her obligation to reimburse in full the amount spent of her GRANT. Complete payment of the total obligation shall ONLY be allowed within ONE YEAR from the date of breach of this contract due to reasons above-stated, otherwise, legal proceedings will ensue to collect the amount due the university;
 - n. Submit 3 hard copies of approved thesis manuscript distributed to: a) One (1) VSU Library, b) one (1) College Library, and one (1) to the Quality Assurance

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Center (QAC) upon return from study leave. One (1) copy in CD format must also be submitted to the VSU Library.

3. The GRAN	TOR binds itself to pay:
a.	Salary
	HEREOF, we hereunto set our hands this day of Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines.
	VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY Visca, Baybay City, Leyte
By:	2000
EDGARDO E. TULIN Grantor	CHERYL C. BATISTEL Grantee
Signed in the presence of:	
BEATRIZ S. BELONIAS Witness	LOURDES B. CANO Witness
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILI PROVINCE OF LEYTE City OF BAYBAY)	(PPINES)) S. S.
Leyte, Philippines, personally appearabiliting to me their ID Nos. V00	day of 21 JUL 2013 in the Municipality of Baybay, Province of eared Dr. EDGARDO E. TULIN and MS. CHERYL C. BATISTEL 0522 and V00815, personally known to me to be the same persons who and they acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act
	f three (3) pages, including this page on which this acknowledgment is gin of pages 1 and 2 and on the opper portion of this page by the parties my notarial seal.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I	have hereunto set my hand on the day, year, and place above written.
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