



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

January 29, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **0094**, s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR DOST-SEI SCHOLARSHIP (BATCH 15)

1. The Department of Science and Technology – Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI) has been providing graduate scholarship programs for master's and doctorate degrees in science and mathematics education through **Capacity Building Program in Science and Mathematics Education (CBPSME)** and the **Science and Technology Regional Alliance of Universities for Inclusive National Development (STRAND)**.
2. CBPSME aims to improve the quality of education and accelerate the development of a critical mass of experts in science and mathematics education while STRAND aims to reach out to and support the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the provinces that need to be strengthened in terms of developing human resource capabilities.
3. On July 12, 2018, the Department of Education (DepEd) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DOST to enable its teaching and non-teaching personnel to avail the DOST-SEI Scholarships.
4. In this connection, DepEd Schools reviewed and validated the list of qualified scholars based on DepEd Order 68, s. 2009 or the *Scholarship and Training Grant/Fellowship Pool*, which states that potential scholars must be in service for **at least five (5) years** with at least very satisfactory performance for the last two years
5. For Caraga Region, the qualified scholar is **Ms. Christy Marie N. Comedoy** from Agusan del Norte Division for her MS Science Education – Chemistry under Project STRAND. The rest of the roster of scholars are listed in the attached DepEd Memorandum DM-OULS-2025-200. The MOU between DOST and DepEd is likewise attached to this regional memorandum.
6. The identified scholars can file their leave on **Official Time** for the **duration of his/her scholarship**.
7. For more information and clarifications, please email the DepEd Scholarship Secretariat at **scholarships@deped.gov.ph**.

8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Encl/s.: As stated
Reference/s: DM-OULS-2025-200
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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR LEARNING SYSTEMS

MEMORANDUM
DM-OULS-2025 - 260

TO : **Regional Directors**
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

FROM : *Carmela C. Oracion*
CARMELA C. ORACION
Assistant Secretary
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT : **QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR DOST-SEI SCHOLARSHIP (BATCH 15)**

DATE : 12 December 2025

The Department of Science and Technology - Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI) provides graduate scholarship programs for Master's and Doctorate degrees in Science and Mathematics education. Two of these are the **Capacity Building Program in Science and Mathematics Education (CBPSME)** and the **Science and Technology Regional Alliance of Universities for Inclusive National Development (STRAND)**.

CBPSME is aimed to improve the quality of education and accelerating the development of critical mass of experts in Science and Mathematics Education. On the other hand, the **STRAND** aims to reach out to and supporting higher education institutions in the provinces that need to be strengthened in terms of developing human resource capabilities in science and technology.

The Programs are currently open for Batch **15** applicants; hence NEAP Scholarship Secretariat evaluated the documents of the applicants who were initially screened by the sponsoring agency based on DepEd Order No. 68, s. 2009 titled *Scholarship and Training Grant/ Fellowship Pool*, which states the potential scholars must be in service for at least five years with at least very satisfactory performance for the last two years.

The difference between their date of application, as indicated in the form submitted, and their first day of service as a permanent employee, was used in determining their number of years of service in the Department of Education (DepEd).

The following are the Batch 15 qualified applicants and their corresponding documents evaluation results:

Capacity Building Program in Science and Mathematics Education (CBPSME)
First Semester AY 2025-2026

Region	Division	Name of Applicant	Length of Service	Degree Program
			Years and Months	

Region 5	SDO Legazpi City	Joven B. Millete	11 Years,11 Months	MA Chemistry Education
	SDO Tabaco City	Kimberly B. Besmonte	11 Years,0 Months	PhD on Science Education
	SDO Naga City	Domingo J. Vinluan Jr.	7 Years,7 Months	PhD on Science Education
Region 6	SDO Antique	Richel A. Hugos	5 Years,10 Months	PhD Biology
	SDO Antique	Mark Francis E. Caridad	7 Years,8 Months	PhD Biology
	SDO Capiz	Ge D. Diaz	7 Years,11 Months	MAED Mathematics
	SDO Capiz	Frence D. Dorado	5 Years,9 Months	MAED Biological Science
	SDO Capiz	Dude Ryan O. Obamos	5 Years,9 Months	PhD Mathematics
	SDO Guimaras	Ernie G. Maximo	13 Years,10 Months	MAED Biological Science
	SDO Iloilo	Jerico N. Dosado	12 Years,2 Months	PhD Mathematics
	SDO Iloilo	Mary June P. Panizales	15 Years,10 Months	PhD Mathematics
	SDO Iloilo	Carmel L. Rabulan	6 Years,10 Months	PhD Mathematics
	SDO Iloilo	Cherrelyn G. Barnuevo	9 Years,2 Months	PhD Biology
	SDO Iloilo	Julie C. Catanus	16 Years,0 Months	PhD Biology
	SDO Iloilo	Erma V. Espartero	8 Years,0 Months	PhD Biology
	SDO Iloilo	Earl Joy P. Gevero	8 Years,1 Months	PhD Biology
	SDO Iloilo City	Francis B. Planto	6 Years,2 Months	MAED Physics
Region 10	SDO Gingoog City	Jessa A. Lovido	12 Years,6 Months	PhD ScieEd Biology
	SDO Iligan City	Beverly D. Sarno-Perez	9 Years,0 Months	PhD ScieEd Mathematics
	SDO Lanao Del Norte	Naima O. Macabago	6 Years,5 Months	MSciEd Secondary Mathematics
	SDO Misamis Occidental	Adones B. Cabural	5 Years,11 Months	PhD Scied Physics
Region 12	SDO Cotabato	Wrendell C. Juntilla	6 Years,2 Months	PhD in Mathematics Education

	SDO Cotabato	Noel S. Falconitin	13 Years,4 Months	MSciEd Biology
NIR	SDO Bacolod City	Lerma Rose N. Geron	9 Years,1 Months	PhD Biology
	SDO Negros Occidental	Jessa Mae Y. Alontaga	8 Years,1 Months	PhD Mathematics
Nothing Follows*****				

**Science and Technology Regional Alliance of Universities for National Development (STRAND)
First Semester AY 2025-2026**

Region	Division	Name of Applicant	Length of Service	Degree Program
			Years and Months	
CARAGA	SDO Agusan Del Norte	Christy Marie N. Comedoy	12 Years,1 Months	MS Science in Education-Chemistry
Region 12	SDO Sarangani	Ronel S. Besonia	10 Years,11 Months	PhD in Education Major in Mathematics
Nothing Follows*****				

NEAP hereby reiterates the following roles and responsibilities of DepEd as stipulated in the abovementioned MOU:

1. DepEd, upon the receipt of information pertaining to the availability of scholarship slots for the graduate scholarship program, shall issue a memorandum to **disseminate the information to its regional and division offices.**
2. DepEd, through its **regional and division office** and upon notice by applicants from DepEd teaching and/or non-teaching personnel of their intention to apply for a slot in the graduate scholarship program shall thereafter **issue potential qualifier's Permit to go on Leave (Official Time) with Compensation.**
3. DepEd, **upon review and validation of the list of potential qualifiers** from DepEd by its regional and division offices, shall certify that list endorsed by DOST-SEI upon review and validation of its R&D applicants who are eligible to avail of study leave in accordance with Civil Service Rules on Scholarships and other related rules and regulations, and submit aforesaid list to the DOST for the final joint approval of the respective Secretaries of the DepEd and DOST.
4. DepEd shall allow qualified DepEd personnel to receive their respective salaries and/or emoluments for the duration of their inclusion in the graduate scholarship program, **subject to relevant accounting rules and regulations.**

Thus, it is in the discretion of the signing authority in the scholar's contract with DOST whether to grant permit to go Leave on Official Time and/or its extension.

For questions and clarifications, please coordinate with the DepEd Scholarship Secretariat through email at scholarships@deped.gov.ph and/or the NEAP Office of the Director through landline at (02) 8638-8638 or email at neap.od@deped.gov.ph.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Understanding (The "MOU") is made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 2018 by and between:

JUL 12 2018

The **DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**, a duly constituted national government agency under Executive Order No. 128, with principal office address at DOST Compound, General Santos Ave., Bicutan, Taguig City, Metro Manila, herein represented by its Department Secretary, **FORTUNATO T. DE LA PEÑA** (hereinafter referred to as "**DOST**");

-and-

The **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**, a duly constituted national government agency under Republic Act No. 9155, with principal office address at DepEd Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City, Metro Manila, herein represented by its Department Secretary, **LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES** (hereinafter referred to as "**DepEd**").

(**DepEd** and **DOST** shall be collectively referred to herein as "**Parties**" and individually as a "**Party**")

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **DOST** is the central government agency mandated to provide primary direction, leadership, and coordination of all science and technology (S&T) activities in the country and to formulate S&T policies, programs, and projects in support of national development priorities;

WHEREAS, the **DOST**, through the Science Education Institute (SEI) under its Capacity Building in Science and Mathematics Education program, has implemented a scholarship program for qualified teaching and non-teaching personnel in the public service, to pursue a master's or doctoral degree in the fields of Science or Mathematics Education, with the support of the National Consortium in Graduate Science and Mathematics Education (NCGSME);

WHEREAS, the **DepEd** is the central government agency mandated to establish and maintain a complete, adequate and integrated system of basic education, wherein relevant teacher and/or school personnel training is a vital and integral component of its core mandate of learning;

WHEREAS, the **DepEd** exercises general supervision over public school teaching and non-teaching personnel, who all play crucial roles in raising, nurturing, and honing the citizenry to become holistically developed and equipped with values and competencies needed to contribute to a progressive society;

WHEREAS, the **DepEd** and the **DOST** collectively recognize the need to enable qualified teaching and non-teaching personnel in public secondary

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schools to avail of the DOST-SEI graduate scholarship program as a means of uplifting the status of education in the country:

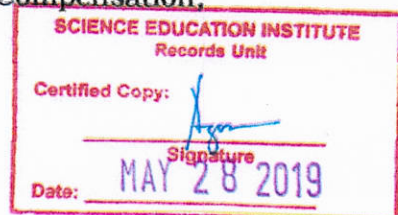
NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual undertaking hereinafter set forth, the **PARTIES** hereby agree, as follows:

Roles and Responsibilities of the **DOST**

1. The **DOST**, through SEI, in coordination with the NCGSME, shall announce the availability of scholarship slots for the graduate scholarship program, and such information shall be forwarded to the DepEd for dissemination to its regional and division offices;
2. The **DOST**, through the NCGSME-member university, shall accept applications from DepEd teaching and/or non-teaching personnel, provided their applications are accompanied by the requisite forms and supporting documents;
3. The **DOST**, through SEI, shall develop a shortlist of potential qualifiers from the DepEd, after they qualify and pass the initial screening and evaluation of the NCGSME-member university;
4. The **DOST**, through SEI, shall thereafter endorse and forward the shortlist of potential qualifiers to DepEd;
5. The **DOST**, provided that the DepEd certifies that applicants are eligible to avail of the benefits of study leave in accordance with Civil Service Rules on Scholarships and other related rules and regulations, shall endorse the final list of qualifiers to the graduate scholarship program for the final joint approval of the respective Secretaries of the DOST and the DepEd;
6. The **DOST**, through SEI, shall notify the qualifiers from the DepEd teaching and/or non-teaching personnel of their inclusion in the scholarship program, and shall conduct an orientation on scholarship policies and contract signing to assist in their entry into said program.
7. The **DOST**, through SEI and in collaboration with the NCGSME, shall shoulder all expenses in relation to the graduate scholarship program, including tuition, allowances and other related expenses, subject to the usual accounting rules and regulations.

Roles and Responsibilities of **DepEd**

1. The **DepEd**, upon receipt of information pertaining to the availability of scholarship slots for the graduate scholarship program, shall issue a memorandum to disseminate the information to its regional and division offices;
2. The **DepEd**, through its regional and division office, upon notice by applicants from DepEd teaching and/or non-teaching personnel of their intention to apply for a slot in the graduate scholarship program, shall thereafter issue potential qualifier's Permit to go on Leave with Compensation;



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3. The **DepEd**, upon review and validation of the list of potential qualifiers from DepEd by its regional and division offices, shall certify that list endorsed by DOST-SEI upon review and validation of its R&D applicants that are eligible to avail of study leave in accordance with Civil Service Rules on Scholarships and other related rules and regulations, and submit aforesaid list to the DOST for the final joint approval of the respective Secretaries of the DepEd and the DOST;
4. The **DepEd** shall allow qualified DepEd personnel to receive their respective salaries and/or emoluments for the duration of their inclusion in the graduate scholarship program, subject to relevant accounting rules and regulations;

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be construed as a general agreement between the **PARTIES**. Specific commitments shall be subject of a separate agreement.

By mutual consent, this Memorandum of Understanding or any part hereof may be modified or amended or supplemented in writing by the **PARTIES** for the purpose of effective project implementation and management.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective upon its signing by the **PARTIES** and shall remain valid and effective unless terminated for any cause by any party, provided, prior written notice to the other party is given at least thirty (30) days before the intended date of termination.

All personal data and/or information acquired by the **PARTIES** in relation to this agreement shall be kept secure and protected, shall be used solely for legal purposes, and shall not be further processed or disclosed without the consent of the **PARTIES**, in accordance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

The **PARTIES** represent that they have the requisite power, authority and capacity to enter into this Agreement and to perform their obligations and undertaking according to the terms and conditions hereof.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the **PARTIES** have hereunto set their hands on the foregoing instrument this ____ day JUL 12 2018, 2018.

Department of Science and
Technology

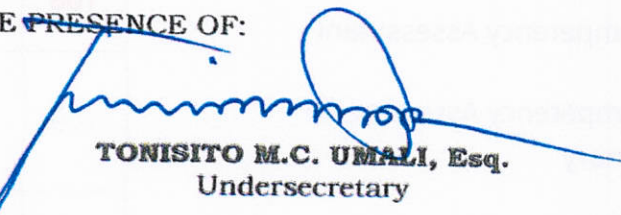

FORTUNATO T. DE LA PEÑA
Secretary

Department of Education


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:


JOSETTE T. BIYO
Director


TONISITO M.C. UMALI, Esq.
Undersecretary



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)

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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in the City of _____,
Philippines this JUL 12 2018 day of _____ 2018, personally appeared the
following:

NAME	COMPETENT EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY	DATE/ PLACE ISSUED
1. FORTUNATO DE LA PEÑA	PASSPORT # D00D1828A	MARCH 15, 2017 / DFA MANILA
2. LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES	PASSPORT # PD132248A	SEPT- 01, 2016 / DFA MANILA

Known to me and to me known to be the same person who executed the
foregoing instrument, consisting of four (4) pages, including this page
wherein acknowledgment is written, and acknowledged to me that the same
is their own free and voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL on the date and the place first above
written.

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