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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023 DOST-PCHRD  
UNDERGRADUATE THESIS GRANT IN  
NATURAL PRODUCTS**

Attached is a Memorandum Order No. 23-002 from DOST-PCHRD announcing the call for applications for the 2023 DOST-PCHRD Undergraduate Thesis Grant in natural Products.

The program aims to sustain a research culture in natural products to increase the number of research and later on build a pool of researchers/experts specializing in the field.

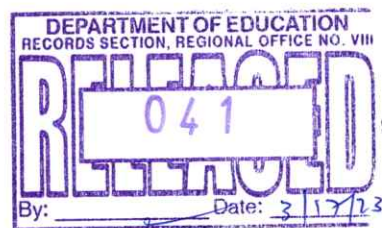
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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR HEALTH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

March 3, 2023

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 23 - 002  
Series of 2023

For: **CHAIRS OF THE REGIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIA (RHRDCs), REGIONAL PROJECT STAFF, MEMBER INSTITUTIONS OF RHRDCs, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

Subject: **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023 DOST-PCHRD UNDERGRADUATE THESIS GRANT IN NATURAL PRODUCTS**

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
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The search is open to all undergraduate students of Colleges of Pharmacy, Chemistry, Nursing, and Health and Allied Sciences who have thesis proposals on natural products, specifically utilizing indigenous plants in the region. A thesis grant amounting to fifty thousand pesos (PHP 50,000.00) will be given to two (2) qualified thesis proposals per region.

Upon completion of the thesis project and submission of the required deliverables, six (6) finalists will be chosen to present their completed research during the Philippine National Health Research System (PNHRS) week celebration in August 2024, wherein the top three (3) winners will be selected. Cash prizes include PHP 30,000.00 for the first prize winner, PHP 22,000.00 for the second prize winner, and PHP 15,000.00 for the third prize winner.

In line with this, may we respectfully request the consortium to disseminate the call for applications to the member institutions and relevant stakeholders in the region? The deadline for submission of the complete documentary requirements to the consortium is **on or before May 31, 2023**. We hope the consortium will review the submissions, and submit a short list of entries (maximum of 4) for endorsement to DOST-PCHRD **no later than June 14, 2023**.

A copy of the guidelines including the detailed research proposal form is attached, for your reference. Should there be any concerns, you may contact the PCHRD Awards Secretariat via email at [awards@pchrd.dost.gov.ph](mailto:awards@pchrd.dost.gov.ph).

For information, and guidance of all concerned.

  
**JAIME C. MONTOYA, MD, MSc, PhD, CESOII**  
Executive Director III

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### ***Who can apply?***

The search is open to all undergraduate students of Colleges of Pharmacy, Chemistry, Nursing, and Health and Allied Sciences who have thesis proposals on natural products, specifically utilizing indigenous plants in the region. The thesis projects **must be completed no later than May 31, 2024**.

### ***How to apply?***

Applicants should submit the following documents to their **respective Regional Health Research and Development Consortium (RHRDC)**:

1. Duly accomplished prescribed research proposal form with college seal;
2. Endorsement letter from the institution signed by the head of the university and the college dean;
3. Soft copy of the proposal (word and PDF format);
4. Certificate of plant authentication;
5. Appropriate clearances;
  - o Bureau of Animal Industry clearance for studies involving animal subjects
  - o Biosafety Clearance for studies involving genetic engineering and pathogenic organisms
  - o National Commission on Indigenous Peoples Clearance for studies involving Indigenous Peoples
  - o Gratuitous Permit from Biodiversity Management Bureau for studies involving the collection of flora and fauna from DENR Protected Areas
  - o Ethical clearance for studies involving human subjects
6. Curriculum vitae of the students and adviser.

### ***Selection Criteria***

The research proposals will be rated based on the following criteria:

1. Technical merit

- a. Objectives are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound;
  - b. The study design supports the objectives; and
  - c. The study sample and methodology are appropriate.
2. Data management
    - a. The plan for data collection is clearly described;
    - b. Quality control procedures for data collection are in place; and
    - c. Statistical analysis is well described.
  3. Relevance/Significance
    - a. The study addresses an important health problem; and
    - b. The study contributes to the advancement of scientific knowledge.
  4. Proponent/institution's capacity
    - a. The investigators are qualified and appropriately trained to carry out the study;
    - b. The proposed study is appropriate to the experience level of the investigators; and
    - c. The implementing/cooperating institution is capable of carrying out the proposed study.

**Thesis Grant**

1. Two (2) thesis proposals will be selected in each region. Researchers will receive a grant amounting to a **maximum of fifty thousand pesos (PHP 50,000.00)**.
2. The thesis grant will be deposited in the bank account of the thesis adviser and will be liquidated after the completion of the study.
3. A Memorandum of Agreement will be signed between the students, adviser, head of the institution, and DOST-PCHRD.
4. The grant must be expended as allocated in the approved line-item budget.

**Competition and Cash Awards**

Six (6) grantees will be selected as finalists to present their studies during the Philippine National Health Research System (PNHRS) week celebration in August 2024. The top three (3) presenters will receive a certificate of recognition, and the following cash prizes:

First prize = PHP 30,000.00	PHP 20,000.00 for the student
	PHP 10,000.00 for the adviser
Second prize = PHP 22,000.00	PHP 15,000.00 for the student
	PHP 7,000.00 for the adviser
Third prize = PHP 15,000.00	PHP 10,000.00 for the student

	PHP 5,000.00 for the adviser
Consolation prize	PHP 5,000 per group

Finalists will also receive certificates of participation.

***Schedule of Activities***

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Call for Applications	March to May 2023
Deadline of submission to the consortium	May 31, 2023
Endorsement of shortlisted entries to DOST-PCHRD	June 14, 2023
Evaluation of thesis proposals by the Selection Committee; and Provision of grants to selected grantees	June to July 2023
Conduct of study	August 2023 to May 2024
Submission of completed studies to DOST-PCHRD	June 14, 2024
Selection of oral presenters/finalists by the Selection Committee	June to July 2024
Oral Research Paper Presentation Competition; and Announcement of Winners	August 2024

For inquiries, please email [awards@pchrd.dost.gov.ph](mailto:awards@pchrd.dost.gov.ph).

**DOST-PCHRD UNDERGRADUATE THESIS GRANT ON NATURAL PRODUCTS  
DETAILED RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

<b>(1) Cover sheet:</b>	
<hr/> <p align="center">Title of the Study</p> <hr/>	
Name of students:	
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Name of adviser:	
Contact number:	
Email address:	
Name of College Dean:	
Name of college and institution:	
Complete address of institution:	
Endorsement:	
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<b>Affix college seal</b>	
<b>(2) Title of the study</b>	
<b>(3) Introduction</b>	
<p>(This section contains a brief summary of the background information relevant to the study design and protocol methodology. Sufficient information includes description of disease/condition of interest and present knowledge of the subject matter of the research. This information is necessary in order to understand the rationale for the study.)</p>	

<p>(4) Significance of the proposal</p> <p>(This is the rationale of the research. It answers the question, "what is the study for?")</p>
<p>(5) Literature review</p> <p>(This section should discuss literature relevant and specific to the topic of the research proposal. It should be complete enough so the reader can be convinced that the research proposal being presented is built upon a sound information base, addresses current country health priorities and will contribute something new to health and/or allied health sciences.)</p>
<p>(6) Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General objective</li> <li>- Specific objectives</li> </ul>
<p>(7) Expected output</p> <p>(This refers to the end results (e.g. production technology or knowledge) expected upon completion of the research. The output (s) needs to be identified to highlight impact/importance of the research.)</p>
<p>(8) End-user/ target beneficiaries</p> <p>(This refers to the probable end-users or beneficiaries of the research output and the number and locality of beneficiaries, if applicable.)</p>
<p>(9) Methodology</p> <p>Study design – this section indicates how the study objectives will be achieved. It includes a description of the type of study design eg. Cross sectional, case control, cohort, etc.</p> <p>Study population – this is required for studies involving animals and humans. This section states the number of study subjects required to enter and complete the study. A brief definition of the type of study subject required is also described.</p> <p>Inclusion criteria – this section describes the criteria each study subject must satisfy to enter the study. These criteria may include, but are not limited to the following: age, sex, race, diagnosis/condition, method of diagnosis, diagnostic test.</p> <p>Exclusion criteria – this section details the criteria that would eliminate a study subject from participation in the study.</p> <p>Sample size computation - this section describes the type of sampling design and the assumptions used to compute the sample size.</p> <p>Site of the study – this section details the location, station or unit where the R and D will be conducted</p> <p>Study plan – this section explains the plan of action, procedures and methods to be used during the study. Detailed methodology is described for laboratory, diagnostic, interviews, manner of data</p>

collection. Special instrumentation may be described in a subsection (instrumentation/data collection tools, special equipment, etc.)

Case report form – the case report form (CRF) should be attached to the research proposal. If the CRF is in electronic format, a printed copy should be attached as an appendix.

Variables to be investigated – dependent/outcome and independent variables

(10) Plans for data processing and analysis

- Computer facilities to be used, software packages
- Statistical tools/tests to be used
- Dummy tables

(11) Project duration

(This refers to the planned start date, completion date, and duration in months.)

(12) Gantt chart

TARGET ACTIVITIES	MONTHS									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

(13) Clearance/certifications

The following clearances must be submitted if applicable:

- *Bureau of Animal Industry clearance* for studies involving animal subjects
- *Biosafety Clearance* for studies involving genetic engineering and pathogenic organisms
- *National Commission on Indigenous Peoples Clearance* for studies involving Indigenous Peoples
- *Gratuitous Permit* from Biodiversity Management Bureau for studies involving collection of flora and fauna from DENR Protected Areas
- *Ethical clearance* for studies involving human subjects

(14) Estimated budgetary requirement

(15) Bibliography

(16) Line Item Budget

(Provide breakdown per expense item)



Particulars	DOST-PCHR D Assistance
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Supplies and Materials</li> <li>b. Representation Expenses</li> <li>c. Communication Expenses</li> <li>d. Traveling Expenses</li> <li>e. Transportation and Delivery Expenses</li> <li>f. Printing and Binding Expenses</li> <li>g. Other Professional Services</li> <li>h. Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses</li> </ul>	
<b>(17) Curriculum vitae</b>	
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Name of student: Contact number: Email address: Expected year of graduation:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">             1 x 1 photo           </div>
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<b>Additional sheets may be added as necessary</b>	

Detailed research proposal form can be downloaded from the PCHR D website (<http://pchr d.dost.gov.ph>)

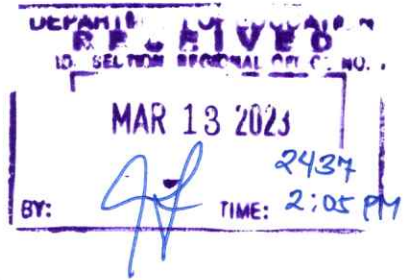
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## 2023 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS Foreign Graduate Scholarship Program PhD in Molecular Biomedicine



### Overview

The Department of Science and Technology–Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD), the University of Trieste (UNITS) and Fondazione Italiana Fegato (FIF) entered into an Agreement to develop and implement a program focused on molecular hepatology within the PhD Program in Molecular Biomedicine of UNITS. The three-year PhD program integrates basic research and clinics focusing on the study of molecular approaches to cancer biology, genetics, jaundice, and metabolic diseases.

Applicants' research interests must be aligned with the [National Unified Health Research Agenda \(NUHRA\)](#) and [Harmonized National Research and Development Agenda \(HNRDA\)](#).

### Program Objectives

The PhD program aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. Develop a pool of high-quality human resources in molecular biomedicine (molecular hepatology in particular) who will contribute to the country's global competitiveness and economic development;
2. Provide opportunities to deserving students to study and obtain PhD degrees in molecular biomedicine in reputable institutions abroad;
3. Contribute to the country's health research and technological innovation capabilities through training in biomedical research; and
4. Create the basis for Liver Network integrating basic and clinical research in liaison with FIF.

### Capacity

Two (2) positions for the PhD program will be available each year at UNITS-FIF (subject to the availability of funds).

### Eligibility

The applicant must:

- a. be a Filipino citizen;
- b. be in good health condition;
- c. not be more than 50 years old at the time of application;
- d. have a Master's degree in a field related to health and biomedicine;
- e. have an outstanding academic record;
- f. pass the admission requirements for the PhD study;
- g. pass the interview and other screening procedures;
- h. not avail or enjoy any other scholarships; and
- i. be willing to render the required service obligation for a period equivalent to twice the length of time or a fraction thereof that they enjoyed the PhD scholarship.

### **Scholarship Privileges**

1. School fees (i.e. bench fees, permits, etc.);
2. Living allowance;
3. Book allowance;
4. Outright dissertation grant;
5. Health and accident insurance;
6. One round-trip economy fare from residence to Italy (start and end of the scholarship period only); and
7. Pre-departure expenses (one-time only)

### **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

<b>Scholarship Application</b>	The applicant must submit the requirements for the Foreign Graduate Scholarship Program to DOST-PCHR
<b>Document Screening</b>	Documentary evaluation of the accomplished forms and other requirements
<b>Technical Interview</b>	Technical interview by a panel composed of DOST-PCHR Director, FIF Scientific Director, a member of the PhD program in Molecular Biomedicine of the University of Trieste, and other health research experts to assess: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Academic background and learning ability</li><li>• Capacity for completing the study in Italy</li><li>• Possibility of contributing to the development of the country</li><li>• Compatibility with the university course</li></ul>
<b>Final Selection</b>	The panel will identify the successful PhD student(s) among the candidates interviewed.

*Note: An Applicant who has already started their studies abroad prior to application to the scholarship program can no longer apply.*

### **2023 TIMELINE**

February	Opening of the Call for Applications
<b>April 28</b>	<b>Application deadline</b>
May- June	Document screening and Panel interview (by May 24)
	Announcement of the accepted candidate(s) (by June 15)
July- September	Preparation of necessary documents (visa, insurance, bank account, etc.) and signing of the scholarship agreement (by September 15)
October	Orientation of Scholars and Departure
November	Start of PhD program

## HOW TO APPLY

### Program Admission/Scholarship Application

#### Requirements

1. Curriculum vitae (CV)
2. Accomplished [Application form](#) with recent ID picture
3. Endorsement letters from two (2) former professors in the MS Program
4. If employed:
  - Certificate of Employment
  - Recommendation letter from the Head of the Agency
  - Permission to take a leave of absence (LOA) while on scholarship
5. Testamurs for all qualifications undertaken (i.e. Certificate of Master's Degree)
6. Transcript of records (Certified true copy)
7. Accomplished [Re-entry Action Plan](#) (narrative)
8. Program of Study/Course Curriculum from UNITS (if available or to follow)

*\*Interested applicants may send their CV to [fellowship@pchr.dost.gov.ph](mailto:fellowship@pchr.dost.gov.ph) for initial evaluation/screening and submit other documents as required by the PCHRD Secretariat.*

Applicant/s who were able to pass the interview will be asked to submit the following:

1. PSA Birth Certificate (Photocopy)
2. Valid NBI Clearance (Original)
3. Medical Certificate as to health status from a licensed physician with their PRC license number indicated

Applicant/s who will be accepted in the program will be asked to submit the following before departure to Italy:

Budgetary Requirements – attach at least three (3) airfare and three (3) health and accident insurance canvasses (include respective website references)

#### Submission of documents:

- For advance (scanned) copy of documents, send via email to: [fellowship@pchr.dost.gov.ph](mailto:fellowship@pchr.dost.gov.ph)  
Subject: 2023 PhD Mol BioMed Application\_(Surname, First Name)
- For hard copy of documents, send to:  
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Executive Director III, DOST-PCHRD  
DOST-PCHRD Office, Saliksik Bldg., Sikap St., DOST Compound,  
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For any other inquiries, please email us at [fellowship@pchr.dost.gov.ph](mailto:fellowship@pchr.dost.gov.ph)