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FROM : **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 14 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. Gerona	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	
Region 10	SDO Cagayan De Oro	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.