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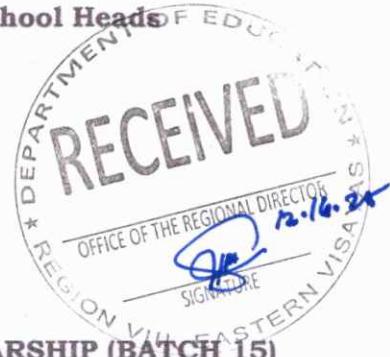
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FROM : **CARMELA C. ORACION**
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SUBJECT : **QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR DOST-SEI SCHOLARSHIP (BATCH 15)**

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 |
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| | | | Years and Months | |

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| 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 |
| Region 10 | 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 12 | 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 |

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| | 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 |
| <i>Nothing Follows*****</i> | | | | |

**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 |
| <i>Nothing Follows*****</i> | | | | |

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.