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CHEDRO-III MEMORANDUM

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For : **ALL PRESIDENTS/ HEADS OF AUTONOMOUS/ DEREGULATED PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (PHEIs)/ STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) IN REGION III**

Subject : **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INSTRUCTORS' ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM (SIKAP) GRANT**

Date : **21 June 2021**

The Commission recently released the Guidelines for the Scholarships for Instructors' Knowledge Advancement Program (SIKAP) Grant (CMO No. 06, s. 2020). This scholarship grant is exclusively open to all teaching personnel of higher education institutions in the country. The eligibility criteria, grant mechanics, selection process, financial privileges and incentives, among others are provided for under the same CMO.

While the Commission acknowledges the contribution of previous faculty development initiatives, which raised the percentage of higher education institution (HEI) faculty members with graduate degree, from 33% in 1998 to 54% in 2018 in the country, there is still a cogent need to strengthen our faculty development program to ensure the global competitiveness of tertiary graduates. Thus, this SIKAP grant was conceived. It is targeted to increase the percentage of faculty with graduate degrees to 64% by 2022.

Relative to this, CHEDRO III is expanding the number of delivering higher education institutions (DHEIs) to implement the program. At present, only three has submitted its intention to participate in the program as DHEIs. As an autonomous/deregulated private HEIs, the institution is qualified to be a DHEI. On the other hand, for the state universities and colleges (SUCs), the programs to be offered under the SIKAP grant should be Level III and Level IV accredited programs.

CHEDRO III hopes to receive the applications on or before 15 July 2021 which will include the submission of the following requirements: letter of application, study plans, work and financial plans, programs to be offered and the designation/appointment of the HEI Grant Administrator/Coordinator (as provided for under CAO No.2, s.2020). Applications are to be sent to chedro3@ched.gov.ph.

Should there be further queries, the designated staff of the institution/s may coordinate with Dr. Efren F. Abulencia, Education Supervisor II and Permanent Alternate Focal Person for K-12/SIKAP Grants at (045) 436-1846.

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