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DIVISION ADVISORY

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This Advisory is issued not for endorsement as per DO No. 28, s. 2001
but for the information of DepEd Officials, Personnel Staff,
and the concerned Public

TeachSTEM MASTER'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This is to Inform the field of an invitation from the **GOKONGWEI Brothers Foundation (GBF)** on the Master's Degree Scholarship Program.

Please find the attached letter of invitation from the **GOKONGWEI Brothers Foundation** for your information.


CHERRY MAE L. LIMBACO-REYES
Schools Division Superintendent



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Telephone: (08822)-8550048

Dear Division Superintendent Cherry Mae L. Limbaco,

Greetings from the Gokongwei Brothers Foundation (GBF).

GBF is a family foundation that seeks to make an impact in education by elevating the professional development of teachers through the TeachSTEM Scholarship Program, among others. The TeachSTEM College Degree Scholarship Program supports aspiring teachers to acquire a bachelor's degree in STEM education while the TeachSTEM Master's Degree Scholarship Program supports teachers who seek to further equip themselves to become more effective in their service.

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The program currently supports 153 pre-service and in-service STEM teachers to complete their degrees and become STEM champions in their respective communities. In 2022, we target to onboard 148 new scholars to reach our ambition of impacting 10,000 educators and 1 million learners by 2025 through its programs.

In this regard, we would like to request your good office to help promote the program, if possible, through an official advisory to your divisional office. Your support will go a long way in reaching more students aspiring to serve as STEM teachers and teachers who aspire to be more effective in their service of the learner. Deadline of application is on June 30, 2022.

Your help in the promotion of the GBF TeachSTEM College and Master's Degree Scholarship Program will allow us to reach the most deserving scholars. We will be glad to address any questions you may have.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Warm Regards,

Mac Garay

Program Officer

GBF TEACHSTEM MASTER'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

RATIONALE

The Gokongwei Brothers Foundation (GBF) has dedicated itself to contributing to the country's progress by providing underprivileged but deserving students with access to education, especially in the fields of *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)*. International studies like the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) reflect Philippine performance in math and science to be at the bottom among other countries¹ and that a 4.4 year learning gap in higher education exists between the Philippines and the highest performing educational systems.² GBF seeks to strengthen educators' professional development, create content, and scale access to quality education. One of the ways that GBF aims to reach its ambition of benefiting 10,000 educators and 1,000,000 learners by 2025 is through the TeachSTEM Scholarship Program.

PROGRAM DESIGN

Recognizing the significant role of educators in building the future of our next generation, the TeachSTEM Master's Degree Scholarship Program was established to develop and strengthen quality STEM education and create a STEM-oriented culture among Filipinos. It supports current K-12 science, technology, and mathematics teachers as well as college instructors teaching a STEM-related course acquire their master's degree.

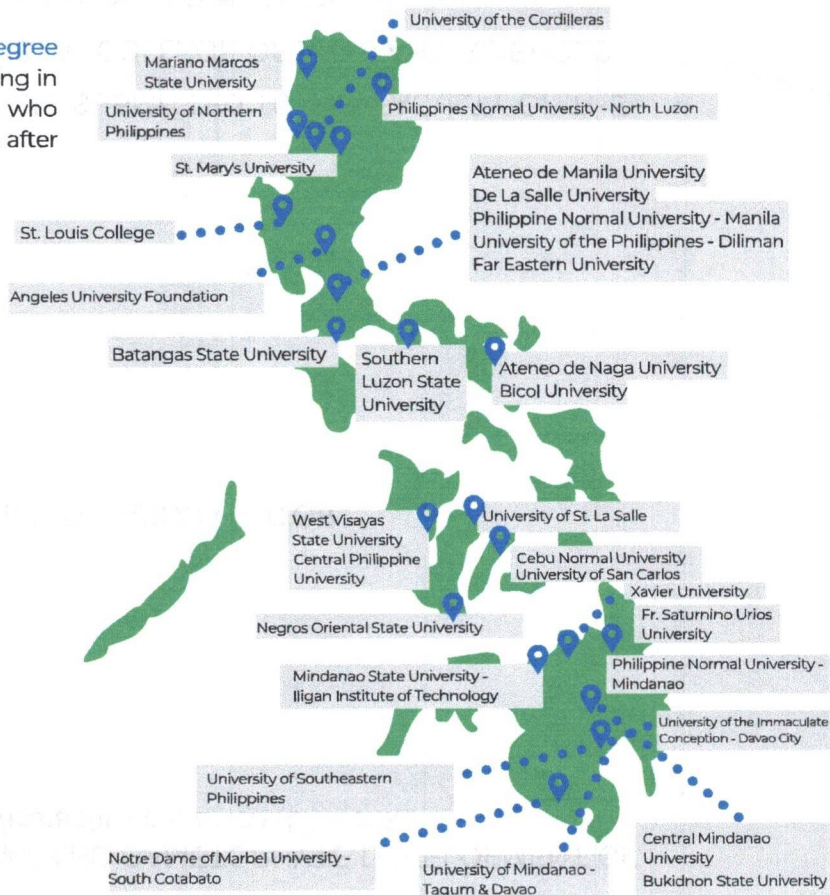
To date, GBF supports a total of 79 master's degree students completing a degree in Education specializing in the fields of Science, Technology, and Mathematics who are expected to serve in the K-12 or tertiary education after completion of their respective programs.



Data as of April 18, 2022

TEI PARTNERS

Recognizing that the work cannot be done alone, GBF partners with Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) that have proven to be centers of excellence. Applicants to both programs undergo a rigorous screening process and retain their scholarship by maintaining excellent academic performance. To date, we have a total of 36 partner TEIs across the Philippines, 34 of which are partners for the master's degree level.



¹ OECD PISA 2018: Insights and Interpretations, 2019.

² Highlights of the PIDS study commissioned by DOST-SEI re: future STEM requirements of the Philippines, Sept2020.

GBF TEACHSTEM MASTER'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND RETURN SERVICE

Upon admission to the scholarship program, the scholar will be provided with a fixed financial grant of **Php 45,000.00** for those enrolled in public TEIs and **Php 65,000** for those enrolled in private TEIs per academic year for a maximum of three (3) years or until completion of the program. They also enjoy **scholar development programs** such as mentoring and professional development opportunities. Upon finishing his/her master's degree, the scholar must continue to be an educator in the Philippines for a period equivalent to duration of his/her scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Any bonafide student who has undergone and passed the Partner TEI's admission process may apply to the Scholarship Program provided that the applicant meets the following minimum requirements:

- An incoming or current graduate student in education specializing in STEM in any of GBF's partner Teacher Education Institution
- Has at least a "satisfactory" teacher rating performance from previous year
- Must not have yet completed course subjects and/or comprehensive exam
- If a continuing student, has no failed, dropped, or incomplete grade from the previous academic year
- Must enroll an academic load of at least six (6) units and complete program within the prescribed period
- Preferably not a recipient of a scholarship from other institutions or persons
- Must be in good health
- Is of good moral character
- Requires financial support for studies

DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

- Certificate of Employment
- Copy of PRC ID
- Copy of Bachelor's Degree diploma
- Proof of enrollment or proof of admission with letter of intent to enroll
- Certificate of Performance Rating
- Certificate of Good Moral Character from the Department of Education
- Proof of household income (I.e. two most recent pay slips, Income Tax Return [ITR], Certificate of Tax Exemption, Certificate of Indigency, or Certificate of Low Income) of all earning individuals
- Colored ID photo with white background
- Study Plan
- Philosophy of Teaching Essay
- 2 Recommendations
- Medical certificate (to be submitted after passing Essay Test)

APPLICATION SUBMISSION



Online-only application through
<https://bit.ly/gbfteachstemgrad2022>

For inquiries, you may contact **Lynne Hernandez** through LynneGrace.Hernandez@gbf.com.ph or 09088156373.

GBF TEACHSTEM COLLEGE DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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PROGRAM DESIGN

Recognizing the significant role of educators in building the future of our next generation, the TeachSTEM College Degree Scholarship Program was established to develop and strengthen quality STEM education and create a STEM-oriented culture among Filipinos. It supports incoming and current college students taking a bachelor's degree in Education majoring in Science, Technology or Mathematics.

To date, GBF supports a total of 73 college students completing a degree in Education specializing in the fields of Science, Technology, and Mathematics who are expected to teach full-time in any public school in the Philippines upon graduation.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Any bonafide student who has undergone and passed the Partner TEI's admission process may apply to the Scholarship Program provided that the applicant meets the following minimum requirements:

- An incoming or continuing college student taking Bachelor's Degree in Education specializing in Science, Technology, or Mathematics in any of GBF's partner Teacher Education Institution
- Has a general weighted average (GWA) of at least eighty-five percent (85%) or equivalent
- Has no failed, dropped, or incomplete grade from the previous academic year
- Must be accepted without condition or is a current regular student
- Must enroll minimum academic load prescribed by the university and is projected to complete program within the prescribed period
- Preferably not a recipient of a scholarship from other institutions or persons
- Must be in good health
- Is of good moral character
- Requires financial support for studies

DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

- Proof of enrollment or admission
- Transcript of records or true copy of grades
- Certificate of good moral character
- Letter of consent from legal guardian (for applicants under 18)
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