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Attached is a letter of invitation from Jules Vern Garcia, Advocacy Committee Head, University of La Salle, Pre-Med Society regarding the **Curiosity Crawl: Solving Mysteries with Investigatory Projects** Competition.

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Mr. MIGUEL MAC D. APOSIN Superintendent - Division of Capiz Roxas City, Capiz

Dear Mr. Miguel Mac D. Aposin,

We are delighted to extend an invitation to the **Division of Capiz** to participate in the upcoming **Curiosity Crawl: Solving Mysteries with Investigatory Projects** competition. This initiative is designed to cultivate a deep-seated enthusiasm for scientific inquiry and research among senior high school students in Western Visayas (Region 6).

Through this competition, students will have the invaluable opportunity to demonstrate their research acumen, critical thinking abilities, and creative talents within the dynamic realm of life sciences.

In light of this, we kindly request your assistance in disseminating information about this event to your constituents and students. Your support is instrumental and will significantly contribute to ensuring equal opportunities for all in advancing scientific knowledge and skills.

We eagerly anticipate the potential involvement of your esteemed institution in this scientific endeavor.

For complete guidelines and further information about the competition, please refer to the attached file below.

Best,

Jules Vern Garcia
Advocacy Committee Head

Noted by:

Moderator - Pre-Med Society

Executive President - Pre-Med Society



# CURIOSITY CRAWL: SOLVING MYSTERIES WITH INVESTIGATORY PROJECTS Mechanics and Guidelines

#### I. Introduction and Rationale:

The "Curiosity Crawl: Solving Mysteries with Investigatory Projects" aims to foster innovation and scientific inquiry among senior high school students in the field of life sciences. This competition provides a platform for students to showcase their research skills, critical thinking, and scientific creativity.

# II. Eligibility:

- 1. The competition is open to all senior high school students, both from public and private institutions, within Western Visayas (Region 6).
- 2. Participation is open to both individual and team research; however, if the research is conducted in groups, only one representative will present the project during the panel discussions.
- 3. Each student may submit only one entry; three entries from each school are permitted, provided that each entry is submitted by a different student.
- 4. All participants must adhere to the rules and regulations set forth in these guidelines.

#### **III. Competition Phases:**

- 1. Online Submission Phase:
- a. Participants are required to submit their research entries online through google forms within May 03- May 17, 2024).
- b. The submission must be in IMRAD format, which will include research components such as:
  - Title of the project
  - Abstract (not exceeding 250 words)
  - Introduction (Objectives, Scope and Limitations, and Hypothesis)
  - Methodology
  - Results
  - Discussion
  - Conclusion and Recommendations
  - References
  - Acknowledgments (if applicable)
  - Supporting materials such as images, charts, graphs, and videos (optional)
- c. Entries will be evaluated based on originality, scientific rigor, relevance, and clarity of research paper.

# 2. Online Oral and Project Presentation Phase:

- The top five best research projects selected from the online submissions will proceed to the online oral and project presentation phase through Zoom (a video conferencing platform).
- Each participant will be allotted 8 minutes to orally present their research findings to a panel of judges.
- Following the presentation, an additional 5 minutes will be dedicated to questions and answers.
- Participants must prepare a PowerPoint presentation consisting of no more than 12 slides.
- It is encouraged that participants wear their school uniform during the presentation.
- Presentations should encompass all aspects of the research project, including introduction, methodology, results and discussion, conclusion and recommendations, and acknowledgments (optional).



- Judges will assess the presentations based on criteria such as scientific merit, experimental design, clarity of communication, and overall presentation.
- Top-ranking participants will receive prizes and recognition based on their performance in this phase.

## **IV. Topic Selection:**

- 1. Research projects should be focused on life sciences, including but not limited to biology, ecology, botany, zoology, microbiology, genetics, and biotechnology.
- 2. Topics should be relevant, feasible, and aligned with the students' interests and capabilities.
- 3. Projects involving human subjects or animals must comply with ethical guidelines and obtain necessary approvals

#### V. Timeline:

- 1. Announcement of Competition: May 03, 2024
- 2. Online Submission Deadline: May 17, 2024
- 3. Notification and posting of Finalists: May 24, 2024
- 4. Online Presentation: June 3, 2024

#### VI. Prizes and Recognition:

1. The top-ranking participants will receive cash prizes and certificates as recognition for their achievements.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: ₱3,000 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: ₱2,000 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: ₱1,000

2. All top 5 participants will be awarded certificates of participation.

#### VII. Judging Criteria for Oral Presentation:

1. Scientific Merit: 30%

2. Experimental Design: 20%

3. Data Analysis and Interpretation: 20%

4. Clarity of Presentation: 15%

5. Originality and Innovation: 15%

#### VIII. Code of Conduct:

- 1. Participants are expected to demonstrate professionalism, honesty, and integrity throughout the competition.
- 2. Plagiarism or any form of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification.
- 3. Respectful behavior towards judges, organizers, and fellow participants is mandatory.

#### IX. Links

Entry Submission Form: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/uslspremed2">https://tinyurl.com/uslspremed2</a>

Facebook Post: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2wbxuxdv">https://tinyurl.com/2wbxuxdv</a>