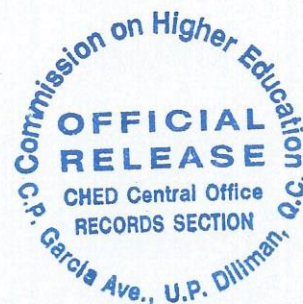




Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION



MEMORANDUM FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

TO: ALL CHED REGIONAL DIRECTORS
PRESIDENTS/HEADS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER
EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

SUBJECT: **CALL FOR THE SUBMISSION OF LETTERS OF INTENT TO
BECOME DELIVERING HEIs FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS
IN THE K TO 12 TRANSITION PERIOD**

DATE: 16 NOVEMBER 2015

The Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013 or Republic Act 10533 mandates the Commission to help ensure a smooth transition to K to 12. Aside from providing support to Senior High School (SHS) implementation, the Commission also aims to ensure the sustainability of higher education institutions (HEIs), especially from SY 2016-2017 to SY 2020-2021, where the nationwide rollout of SHS will result in low enrollment in HEIs during this Transition Period, thereby affecting many of our teaching and non-teaching personnel.

The Commission thus established the K to 12 Transition Program, which includes, among other component projects, Scholarships for Faculty and Staff Development. Under the program, a total of 15,000 slots will be opened nationwide through the Transition Period for HEI faculty and non-teaching staff to take master's and doctoral studies, with the goal of equipping 70 percent of HEI faculty with graduate degrees by Academic Year 2010-21. This increased investment in scholarships necessitates the establishment of more quality graduate programs that are accessible to faculty and staff scholars in each region.

All qualified HEIs are invited to submit **Letters of Intent** to open graduate programs and become delivering HEIs for Graduate Education Scholarships for Faculty and Staff under the CHED K to 12 Transition Program. **Letters of intent must be submitted along with the required attachments**, to the K to 12 Transition Program Management Unit (PMU) through **ched.gradprogram@gmail.com**, no later than **December 18, 2015**.

Please refer to the attached Letter of Intent template, and checklist of provisional eligibility and requirements. Note that these checklists are provisional and indicative, and meant to give the Commission a sense of the number of interested HEIs, as well as our baseline capacity, pending the release of the final policy to govern this engagement.

Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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