

Mr. Benjamin D. Paragas  
Regional Director  
Department of Education  
Region 2



Dear Mr. Paragas,

Greetings from Gokongwei Brothers Foundation (GBF)

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With our thrust of helping improve learning through educators' professional development, we are expanding our scholarship program for teachers. We would like to request for your support in increasing awareness about the program, particularly the **GBF TeachSTEM Master's Degree Scholarship Program**

The **GBF TeachSTEM Master's Degree Scholarship Program** supports education to acquire their master's degree in education majoring in science, technology, or mathematics.

The program is open to educators currently serving in K to 12 public schools or any tertiary institution teaching any STEM related subject/course.

The main goal of this scholarship is our identified Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) who have shown excellence in teacher education. The attached program brief details the scholarship benefits and eligibility requirements. The updated list of partner institutions can be viewed via this link: <https://www.gbf.com.ph/teachstem>

Recognizing our shared interest in helping our teachers improve, we would like to request for your help in promoting our scholarship program in your region by posting attached materials in relevant platforms you may have (i.e. website, social media pages, etc.). This will help us identify potential scholars who we hope to partner with us in achieving this goal. Deadline for application is on August 31, 2021 and we would appreciate immediate dissemination.

We will also appreciate direct referrals. They may send to us their queries, or you may send to us their contact details.

I will be glad to discuss this request at your convenience should you have any questions. Thank you and look forward to hearing from you.

August 12, 2021

To: **Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned**

For your information and appropriate action.

Submit the names of your nominees to HRDP/NEAP, DepEd RO2 for record and monitoring purposes.

**BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS, PhD, CESO V**  
Director IV/Regional Director

August 20, 2021

To: PSDS/PICs  
Public Elem. and Sec. School Heads  
Public Elem. and Sec. Teachers

From: *M. L. Macalling*  
**MADELYN L. MACALLING, PhD, CESO VI**  
OIC-Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Subject: **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR TeachSTEM MASTER'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP**

All interested and qualified applicants must submit all documentary requirements to [bit.ly/gbfteachstemgrad2021](https://bit.ly/gbfteachstemgrad2021) and copy furnish in PDF [hrd.sdoisabela@deped.gov.ph](mailto:hrd.sdoisabela@deped.gov.ph) not later than August 30, 2021.

For information, dissemination, and guidance.

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*Enclosures:*

1. Program Briefer
2. Program Poster
3. Social Cards (for social media platforms)

Warm regards,



**Lynne C. Hernandez**  
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Educators' Professional Development

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**Building the future through education**

# TeachSTEM

## Master's Degree Scholarship



### Call for Applications

A.Y. 2021-2022

Apply online through [bit.ly/gbfteachstemgrad2021](https://bit.ly/gbfteachstemgrad2021)

#### Eligibility Requirements

1. An incoming or current graduate student in education specializing in STEM in any of GBF's partner Teacher Education Institution
2. Is working as a K-12 public school teacher or a college instructor teaching a STEM-related course for a minimum of one (1) year with permanent employment status
3. Has at least a "satisfactory" teacher rating performance from previous year
4. Must not have yet completed course subjects and/or comprehensive exam
5. If a continuing student, has no failed, dropped, or incomplete grade from the previous academic year
6. Must carry an academic load of at least six (6) units and complete program within the prescribed period
7. Preferably not a recipient of a scholarship from other institutions or persons
8. Must be in good health
9. Is of good moral character
10. Requires financial support for studies

#### Documentary Requirements

1. Copy of PRC ID
  2. Proof of enrolment or admission
  3. Certificate of employment
  4. Transcript of records or true copy of grades
  5. Certificate of good moral character
  6. Proof of household income (three most recent pay slips, income tax return, tax exemption, certificate of indigency, or certificate of low income)
  7. Colored ID photo with white background
- Applicants who will meet eligibility requirements are required to submit the following:
- i. Medical certificate
  - ii. Recommendation Form
  - iii. Student Portfolio

#### Application Submission



Online-only application through  
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#### Scholarship Benefits

- P65,000.00 per academic year
- Scholar support programs such as mentoring & professional development opportunities

#### Return Service

Scholar must continue to be an educator in the Philippines for a period equivalent to duration of scholarship.

**GBF acknowledges the critical need for globally competitive STEM education in the Philippines.**

The TeachSTEM Master's Degree Scholarship aims to advance STEM education by strengthening teachers' proficiency and competency through excellent content and pedagogy. They will equip future quality STEM professionals and champion a STEM-oriented culture in the Philippines.

#### Contact Person

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# 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 countries<sup>1</sup> and that a 4.4 year learning gap in higher education exists between the Philippines and the highest performing educational systems.<sup>2</sup> 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

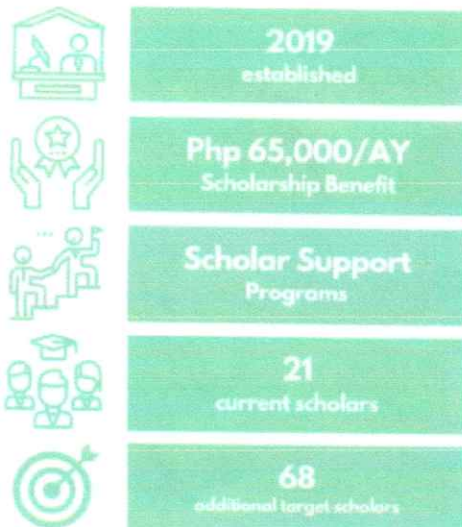
Recognizing the significant role of educators in building the future of our next generation, the TeachSTEM Master's Degree Scholarship Program was established to **develop and strengthen quality STEM education and create a STEM-oriented culture among Filipinos**. It supports current K-12 science, technology, 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 **21 master's** 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.

## 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 15 **partner TEIs** across the Philippines.

### TEACHSTEM MASTER'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP



Data as of August 9, 2021.

<sup>1</sup> OECD PISA 2018: Insights and Interpretations, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Highlights of the PIDS study commissioned by DOST-SEI re: future STEM requirements of the Philippines, Sept 2020.

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## SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS AND RETURN SERVICE

Upon admission to the scholarship program, the scholar will be provided with a fixed financial grant of Php 65,000.00 per academic year and scholar support 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
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For inquiries, you may contact Lynne Hernandez through [LynneGrace.Hernandez@gbf.com.ph](mailto:LynneGrace.Hernandez@gbf.com.ph) or 09088156373.