



**Graduate Proposal: Empowering
Communities Through Education:
"In Teaching I uplift others"**

Background

I graduated with a Bachelor of Secondary Education degree with a major in Social Studies from Universidad de Zamboanga. I thank PCAFPD for its scholarship program that supported me during my last year in college. As a scholar of PCAFPD, I not only received financial support but also a laptop, which has been essential in launching my teaching career. The laptop has given me access to pass my Licensure Examination on my first take and my current job as an ESL teacher, which enables me to reach out to students and make a difference in their lives.

For a year, I have had professional experience in education primarily as an ESL teacher, and such a role has allowed me to develop a strong foundation in teaching and communication for the benefit of my students, and I also commit to community service. As such, being in the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, I understand how to give back.

I have been undertaking educational outreach programs where I have taught marginalized groups literacy and values that promote social responsibility. These experiences further strengthened my determination to make use of my skills to improve the condition of the communities in the Philippines. As someone who can deeply understand and empathize with them, I have acknowledged how important education is in someone's life.

I have always had this passion for creating a ripple effect in my community by acquiring and transferring knowledge. I see myself making an impact through education and pursuing a master's degree is essential for me to reach this goal. I will use my education to better serve my community through ongoing professional development.

I believe I could give better help to my community, by gaining more knowledge and skills to continue with my vision which is to not only impact one or a few students but many. I believe with these; I could make a meaningful change.

Financial Situation

My present economic situation only supports me for the funding of my postgraduate studies limitedly. Upon Graduation, I have been fully responsible for my financial support, My family falls in the category of being a low-income family. There is almost nothing for educational expenditure, we need to make the necessities especially with the prices of the goods today, Because of this reason, my family cannot contribute much towards financially supporting me with my university tuition fees or other university-related needs. I had to be independent right from my graduation. That is why I need some sort of monetary assistance to accomplish my postgraduate degree.

I work as an online ESL teacher while continuing with my studies. This job has allowed me to work from home, but the money mostly covers just the basics, and this income varies depending on whether there are bookings or not, or whether the weather is cooperative. While I will likely continue to work part-time to cover some of the costs of living, the uncertainty is that it will not be enough by itself to pay for all of the tuition, fees, and all of the materials I need to acquire to learn.

I am waiting for the opportunity for ranking in DepEd to be open and if I'm going to manage a high rank and be given an item to be eligible as a Public Teacher I hope and pray that through this I can already fund my master's degree. Since my program is online, I will stay at home, saving me some money. Additionally, I am willing to seek other forms of financial aid and work-study programs. However, this scholarship would be very crucial in reducing the financial barriers standing between me and my education, thus allowing me to pursue my studies with financial stability and focus.

Proposed Course of Study

I am pursuing a Master's Degree in Education, majoring in Social Studies, to gain more points for my ranking and qualifications. Higher points in the ranking are essential because the DepEd system requires competitive credentials to be a public school teacher. I aspire to teach in public schools because they provide the platform to reach and impact a larger, more diverse group of students, many of whom are from underserved communities.

I am particularly drawn to National Teacher's College because of its flexibility I can study even in online modalities, This program also equips me with the specialized skills to address the unique challenges faced by public school students, empowering them to become active, engaged members of their communities. and for me to not just be a competent but innovative teacher when I become a public school teacher. to add, the school's mission and Values reflect my own and that is to transform society through fulfilling their learners' professional and personal growth. If I could have these cups, I could also help my future students to be life-long learners with their observed behavioral practices.

After graduation, I will be or am already a public school teacher, making an impact and difference in the lives of students, and promoting civic awareness and social responsibility. Pursuing this graduate degree fulfills not only the requirement for qualification standards set up by the public education system but also equips me to contribute more productively to Philippine development. I see that there is a need for massive development in education and if we could support teachers like me we could raise progressive and informed future generations.

Budget Proposal for Graduate Studies

Applicant: Usman, Lynn Jaji

Program: Master of Arts in Education, Major in Social Science Education

Total Units Required: 36 units

Number of Semesters: 4

Remaining semesters: 3 (after completing the first semester which will be in february 2025)

Total Courses Required per Semester: 3 courses (9 units)

Tuition and Fees per Semester	Amount (PHP)
Academic Tuition (9 units at PHP 860.00/unit)	7,740.00
Energy Fee	540.00
ID Card	300.00
Library Services	600.00
Institutional Development Fee	1,750.00
Additional Fees (Athletics, Guidance, etc.)	3,480.00
Total Tuition and Fees per Semester	14,960.00

Additional Expenses per Semester	Amount (PHP)
Thesis Expenses (Research materials, printing)	3,000.00
Books and Supplies	1,500.00
Field Work Fees	1,000.00
Total Estimated Additional Expenses per Semester	5,500.00

To sum up: Total Estimated Cost per Semester = 20,460.00

Sources of Financial Support	
Personal Income	Freelancing income (varies, highest income so far: is 10,000 pesos a month.)