

Professional Science Master's Scholar

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Master of Science in Information Technology and Computing

US University

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GPA

4.0

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MS Information Technology and Computing aims to prepare students for successful careers in the field of information technology specialized in computing.

As a PSM student, what was the highlight of your study?

Doing research using emerging technology. With new knowledge in the field and the technology, learning and acquiring new skills was my best academic experience. Another highlight is being able to develop my skills in technology leadership where I had the opportunity to collaborate and work as a team with experts on the field, especially with the new technology now used in the industry.

In what way has the USAID scholarship changed you?

Academically, I gained more knowledge and new skills in terms of recent or emerging technologies. This is crucial given how my field deals with the fast-changing and growing field of information technology and computer science. I became updated on the possible technologies that can be used for research and imparted to others especially in the academic world. Personally, with the scholarship giving me the opportunity to experience world class education and work in a multicultural environment I became more open to change. Also, unlike before, I am now able to speak what is in my mind and express myself better.

How would you use your degree to contribute or influence economic growth in the country?

As I am working in a university where faculty members are encouraged to do research that can benefit the country, the knowledge and skills that I gained from my studies can be used for research. I would like to engage in collaborative research in my field with concentration on data science, wherein available data from various government and non-government agencies can be used to produce information that the government can utilize for the benefit of the country.

As a young scientist, what do you envision for the Philippine science, technology and innovation ecosystem in the next 10 years?

For the next 10 years, I envision the Philippine science, technology and innovation ecosystem to be developed, enabling Filipinos to compete and collaborate knowledge with developed and fast-developing countries.

Christi is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of the Philippines Visayas, and is working to have her research/thesis published.

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