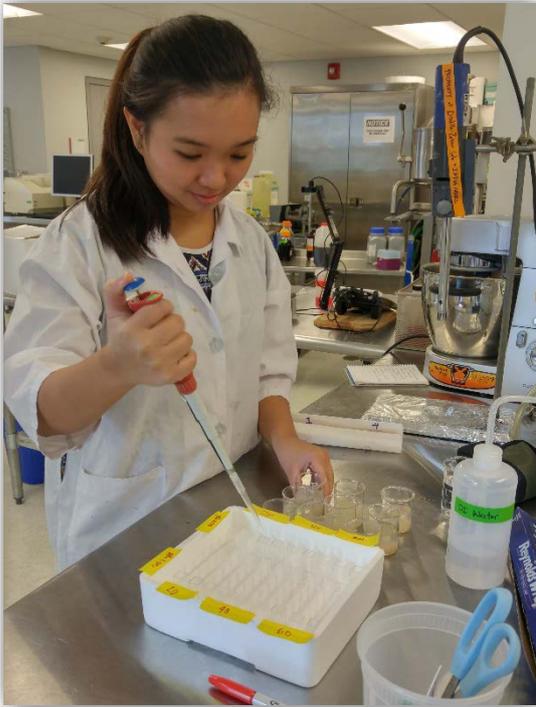


Professional Science Master's Scholar

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PSM Degree

Master of Professional Studies in Food Science and Technology

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Cornell's MPS program in food science aims to hone the right skills to prepare its students for the food industry. We had the flexibility in our program to choose courses that we see fit for our career. We also have our advisers to help us tailor fit our program – from classes, internships to projects.

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

Taking business classes from Cornell's business school gave me a different lens to understand things. It made me understand how things work in a cross-functional way in the food industry. Knowing the technical side of food science is great but learning the soft skills would take us to places.

In what way has the USAID scholarship changed you?

It made me more open minded and assertive. All the experiences and the encounters I have had with people from different backgrounds and races really honed me as a person. I have become a better version of myself because of the people I have met.

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

I will use my degree to help provide sustainable sources of food for all Filipinos. I am looking forward to participating in more projects that will contribute to the economic growth and sustainability of the Philippines.

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

The Philippines still has a long way to go to catch up with other nations when it comes to research and innovation. We first need to stop undervaluing our fellow scientists and encourage them to stay by providing good opportunities. With the right support and the right leaders, I am optimistic that the Philippines will be in a better shape and hopefully one of the hubs for research and innovation in Asia.

Kat is currently working for Cargill, in one of its business units, C-JOY. Cargill-Joy Poultry Meats Production Inc. (C-JOY) is a joint venture between Cargill and Jollibee Foods Corporation. As a Special Projects Manager, she is involved in different projects across the business, mostly in R&D projects.

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