Rationale and Background

Need to continue promoting the industry. Amidst the continuous growth and development of our country’s ICT industry such as software development, engineering and creative sectors (i.e. game design and development and 3D animation), there is an impending need to sustain and improve the overall global competitiveness of the Philippines to cope with the changing landscape of the industry. Having competently trained ICT professionals would have a multiplier effect towards international marketing and branding and would also entice professionals to have broader career opportunities in the industry-specific ICT fields.

The ICT Scholarship and Training Program aims to develop and implement a long-term strategy to strengthen the country’s training of skilled professionals in targeted high growth segments of the IT-BPM industry, as well as support the goal of producing more globally competitive ICT skilled professionals. This program complements the government’s commitment to promote the development of the country’s science and technology human resources in line with economic development and to address the labor force needs across all areas of the ICT Industry.

The scholarship reaches out to give the underprivileged, talented and deserving students, ICT practitioners, near-hire job applicants, and government employees the opportunity to pursue short term courses in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) identified as priority areas in selected training institutions in the country.

Course Offered: The 3D Animation Course is a specialized course that focuses on advanced principles and theories of animation. The students will be exposed in 3D fundamentals and production focused 3D modelling; texturing, digital cinematography and rendering; 3D character animation, and 3D rigging/character setup/technical animation

Scholarship Privileges: The ICT Scholarship and Training Program will cover the full tuition fee of the ICT course including the training materials such as books and equipment and will provide monthly stipend/living allowance for the whole duration of the training (for unemployed).

Venue:
University of Makati Institute of Emerging Arts (UMak IEA), J.P Rizal Extension, Barangay West Rembo, Makati City

Target Scholarship Beneficiaries: The scholarship reaches out to give the underprivileged, talented and deserving students, ICT practitioners, near-hire job applicants, and government employees the opportunity to pursue short term courses in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) identified as priority areas in selected training institutions in the country.
Scholar Selection Process:

- Applicants will fill out the Application Form and submit a Letter of Intent addressed to the ICTO Executive Director, Usec. Louis Napoleon C. Casambre, together with the following documents: certificate of residency from the local government unit, certificate of employment (if applicable), Income Tax Return (if applicable) and school credentials such as Transcript of Records, Diplomas, Academic Papers and Portfolio related to the intended ICT training course. The Application Form is available in the Training Service Provider (TSP) website (UMAK).
- Accomplished Application Form will be filed to the respective TSP where the course training will be offered.
- The applicant will take an ICT Scholarship and Training Examination/Assessment through the TSP.
- The successful applicants of the examination will need to undergo and pass the panel interview.
- The TSP will submit shortlisted applicants to the ICTO and screen the applicants based on the criteria set for the scholarship.
- Once selected as a qualifier, the scholar will be given a notice of award scholarship. The scholarship and/or his/her parent/legal guardian must report to the TSP for the orientation on scholarship policies and signing of the Scholarship Agreement/Undertaking.
- The decision of the ICTO on the selection of scholars is final and unappealable.

Application Requirements:

- Duly Accomplished Application Form
- Certificate of Residency from the local government unit
- Certificate of Employment (if applicable)
- Income Tax Return (of parents/guardian if the applicant is a minor)
- Endorsement Letter from the pertinent industry association or prospective corporate employer (if applicable)
- School credentials such as Transcript of Records (TORs), Diplomas, Academic Papers and Portfolio related to the intended ICT training course

Training Roll-out:

- The thirty (30) scholars who passed the written and oral examinations will participate in the training program.
- Successful graduates shall be given the priority employment opportunities with the ICT industry sector where their skills are needed.
Scholarship Undertaking and Requirements:

- Considering the nature and period of the training, the scholars shall be required to sign a Scholarship Agreement/Undertaking-personal commitment to endeavor to render three (3) years of government service or engage in S & T entrepreneurial activities within a year following the completion of the training scholarship.
- The scholars should adhere to all regulations and requirements of the scholarship program.
- The scholars must exert utmost effort in completing the requirements of the program within the specified period.
- The scholars will be responsible for expenses incurred over and above those covered by the scholarship.
- Using a Tracking Actual Career Experience Report (TRACER) Form, the scholars will report their employment status and the nature of their career path after the scholarship program.

General Requirements for Nominating Companies:

- Companies nominating must be Filipino-owned Philippine registered through Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).
- The nominating company-employer must share the responsibility of ensuring that their nominees shall comply with the terms and conditions of the program.
- Each nominating-company should co-guarantee the training bond.

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