

"Boricua brains" awarded prestigious scholarship at the federal level ^[1]

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Twenty-six students were recognized by a prestigious fellowship program

The National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program ^[3](NSF- GRFP) is perhaps the most competitive and prestigious scholarship for doctoral students interested in a variety of disciplines related to science, engineering, technology and mathematics.

We are pleased to celebrate with you the names of twenty-three students ^[4] from Puerto Rican universities who received this prestigious award and of three students who received honorable mentions. Only 17% of people who apply are awarded the scholarship.

The NSF-GRFP award has supported in the past the launch of the scientific careers of current luminaries such as the computer scientist and founder of Google, Sergey Brin, the economist and author of *Freakonomics*, Steven Levitt, and physicist and former Secretary of the Department of Energy, Steven Chu.

The prestigious scholarship completely covers all expenses for graduate school and provides a generous annual stipend of \$ 32,000 for three years. Fellows also have access to opportunities for career development and international internships.

Among the winners is our dear colleague, Edwin Rosado Oliveri ^[5], member of the CienciaPR Volunteer Team ^[6], and appropriately, ***leader of this blog*** devoted to celebrating our “Cerebros Boricuas ^[7]” (Boricua Brains). Edwin, who is now in his final year of undergraduate studies at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, will use the fellowship to fund his studies at Harvard.

Congratulations to Edwin and to all the winners and students recognized with distinction. They are a source of pride!

Below, we list the names of students from Puerto Rican undergraduate institutions who received the award or an honorary mention. If we mistakenly omitted mention of a student, or if you know of other Puerto Rican students in institutions outside of Puerto Rico that received the award, please email us ^[8] to include them in this blog recognition.

NSF- GRFP Fellows 2014

Nombre/Name	Institución Subgraduada/ Bachelors Institution	Disciplina Científica	Institución Actual/ Current Institution
Acosta-Sojo, Yadrianna Nohely de la Monserrate	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Engineering - Industrial Engineering and Operations Research	University of Michigan Ann Arbor
Alvarez-Rosario, Juan P	Universidad Metropolitana	Geosciences - Marine Biology	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Alvarado-Vélez, Melissa	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Engineering - Biomedical	Georgia Institute of Technology
Badillo-Rivera, Keyla Marie	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Life Sciences - Genetics	Stanford University School of Medicine

Colón-Negrón, Kevin A	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Life Sciences - Biochemistry	University of California- San Francisco
Colón, Aida Raquel	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Engineering - Electrical and Electronic	Columbia University
Cruz-Acuña, Ricardo	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Engineering - Bioengineering	Georgia Institute of Technology
Delgado Reyes, Lourdes Marielle	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras	Psychology - Developmental	University of Iowa
Falcón, Roberto	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Engineering - Bioengineering	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez
Gómez Ramos, Lizzette Marie	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Engineering - Chemical Engineering	Georgia Institute of Technology
Gutiérrez del Arroyo, Omar	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras	Life Sciences - Ecology	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras
Latorre-Esteves, Elena	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Life Sciences - Molecular Biology	University of Washington

Marrero-Ortiz, Wilmarie	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras	Geosciences - Atmospheric Chemistry	Texas A&M University Main Campus
Martínez-García, Rosa	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Life Sciences - Neurosciences	Brown University
Meléndez, Jesyka	University of Puerto Rico Cayey	Life Sciences - Organismal Biology	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY
Navarro-Torres, Christian	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras	Psychology - Psycholinguistics	
Ortiz Otero, Nerymar	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Engineering - Biomedical	CORNELL UNIVERSITY
Ortiz-Carpena, Jorge Felipe	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras	Life Sciences - Neurosciences	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras
Pérez-Cuevas, Mónica	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Engineering - Chemical Engineering	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez
Rosado-Olivieri, Edwin Antonio	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras	Life Sciences - Developmental Biology	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras

Santiago-López, Ángel Javier	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Engineering - Bioengineering	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez
Torres- Rodríguez, Justo Juván	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Engineering - Biomedical	OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Vargas-Muñiz, José	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez	Life Sciences - Microbiology	Duke University

NSF- GRFP Honorable Mentions 2014

Nombre/Name	Institución Subgraduada/ Bachelors Institution	Disciplina Científica	Institución Actual/ Current Institution
Morales-Pérez, Claudio Luis	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras	Life Sciences - Biophysics	University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas
Coradin, Mariel	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras	Life Sciences - Biochemistry	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras
Santos Uceta, Victor Octavio	University of Puerto Rico at Bayamon	Comp/IS/Eng - Software Systems and Software Engineering	Purdue University

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