

## **"Boricua brains" awarded prestigious scholarship at the federal level** <sup>[1]</sup>

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Twenty-six students were recognized by a prestigious fellowship program

The National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program <sup>[3]</sup>(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 <sup>[4]</sup> 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 <sup>[5]</sup>, member of the CienciaPR Volunteer Team <sup>[6]</sup>, and appropriately, ***leader of this blog*** devoted to celebrating our “Cerebros Boricuas <sup>[7]</sup>” (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 <sup>[8]</sup> to include them in this blog recognition.

#### **NSF- GRFP Fellows 2014**

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

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

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

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

#### **NSF- GRFP Honorable Mentions 2014**

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

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