

# A call to support science and the University of Puerto Rico <sup>[1]</sup>

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Logo de la Alianza para la Ciencia en la UPR

As the university system that has produced (by far) the largest number of Hispanic/Latinx science, engineering, technology, and math (STEM) professionals in the U.S., the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) is one of the most important scientific institutions for assuring a diverse and well-trained STEM workforce. The contributions of the UPR to education and research (among other areas) impact all social, economic, and cultural spheres of Puerto Rico. This is why we are concerned and distressed by the budget cuts to which this institution is being subjected. Furthermore, we are appalled at the little attention, consideration, and deference that have been paid to this institution within the framework of the recent public hearings on Puerto Rico's bankruptcy adjustment plan— a process that has been hasty, confusing, and inaccessible to many.

This is why we share with our community this letter from the Alliance for Science at the UPR <sup>[3]</sup> (in Spanish) addressed to Judge Swain. The Alliance is a self-convened body of fellow scientific professors from the 11 campuses of the UPR that seek to give visibility to the importance of this institution for Puerto Rico and to the dangerous consequences of current and future proposed budget cuts.

Those members of our community who identify with this mission and who are interested in keeping in touch to find out about future actions and ways to collaborate are invited to sign the

letter using one of the two links below.

- [Signature from members of the UPR scientific community](#) <sup>[4]</sup>
- [Signature from members of the external scientific and STEM professionals community](#) <sup>[5]</sup>  
(including alumni)

For more information, please visit the [Alliance's website](#) <sup>[6]</sup>.

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