# Valeria Diaz

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#### Research

**Chemistry Research** 

Volunteer

Development of nanoparticles and polymer-based membranes

Different materials were synthesized and their absorption of different dyes was measured

**Puerto Rico** 

**University of Puerto Rico** 

**University of Puerto Rico** 

**Mayaguez Campus** 

August 2023-May 2025

**Mayaguez Campus** January 2025-May 2025

**Anol Field Work** Volunteer January 2025

Conducted mark-recapture surveys for three Anole species in Utuado

Performed anole point count surveys and habitat measurements in forests and urban Sites throughout the island

## **Extracurricular Activities**

**RUM Animal Rescue** 

Social Media Manager

Create content and promote the organization's activities while also organizing their social medias and communicating with people that direct message via any social media.

This organization saves stray dogs and cats and finds them new homes.

**Women In Natural Sciences** 

Treasurer

Financial oversight, budget management, and strategic planning of the organization's finances.

**University of Puerto Rico** 

**Mayaguez Campus** May 2025-Present

## **National Association of Student Council**

Secretary

**Cupeyville School** 2021-2022

- Prepared and distributed minutes for every meeting held, communicated with people when necessary via email, organized and scheduled meetings, provided ideas for activities, and served as a right hand for anyone in the directive who needed it.
- Enhanced leadership and communicating skills.

**IGEM RUM** 

Member

University of Puerto Rico, **Mayaguez Campus** 

In this week-long summer program, took workshops about Synthetic Biology and different skills required to be a scientist. At the end of the week, presented a solution to detect early Alzheimer's using Synthetic Biology.

Summer 2021

#### **Education**

### University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus

259 Av. Alfonso Valdés Cobián, Mayaguez, 00680

Graduation date: 2026

Bachelor of Science/Art in Biology

- GPA: 3.6
- Course Highlights: Parasitology, Embryology
- National Honor Society of Biology Zeta-Alpha Chapter Member
- Biology Honor Roll 2024-2025

# **Cupeyville School**

• GPA: 4.0

 Awards/Honors: National Student Council Secretary Performance Award and President's Education Award Carr. 844 Km 0.4 San Juan Puerto Rico Graduation date:

May 2022

# **Additional**

- Languages: Fully Bilingual (English and Spanish), French
- **Technical Skills:** computer oriented, full understanding of Microsoft Word, high work ethic, writing and communication skills, abundant experience with Canva
- Hobbies/Interests: Reading, learning, business ownership, filming and editing videos