



Center for
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Research in
Health Disparities

CCRHD-RCMI SUMMER NEWS
Faculty and Graduate Students
Professional Development Program
2018



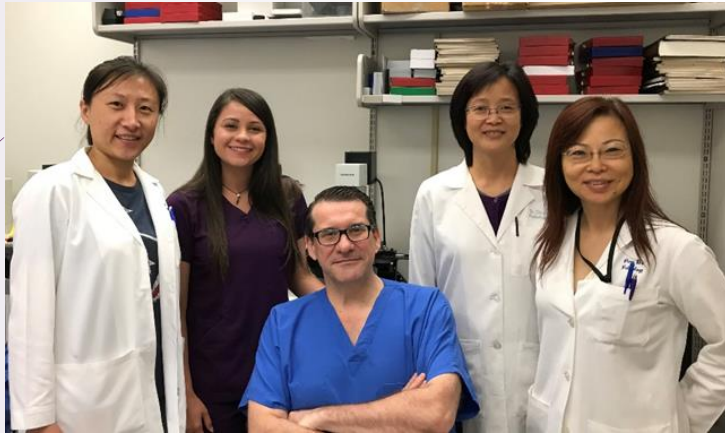
One of the activities under the Center for Collaborative Research in Health Disparities (RCMI Program U54-MD 007600) is to provide funds for faculty and graduate students development in research. Institutional funds are allocated to enable Medical Sciences Campus faculty and graduate students to learn new research techniques and/or develop collaborative relationships with senior scientists outside of Puerto Rico, especially in areas relevant to health disparities.

We are pleased to share with the Medical Sciences Campus community the experiences of the students and faculty who participated in this year's program.



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Graduate Students Professional Development Program



Tatiana M. Alicea Reyes

Graduate Student

Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology
School of Medicine

Advisor: Jacqueline Flores-Otero, PhD

Host site:

UTHealth School, McGovern Medical School

“This training helped improve my understanding in the field of prostate cancer and perineural invasion. In addition, it helped increase my networking skills, which may open doors for future collaborative opportunities”.

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Janice G. Lozada Delgado

Graduate Student
Department of Pharmacology and
Toxicology
School of Medicine

Advisor: Yamil Gerena, PhD

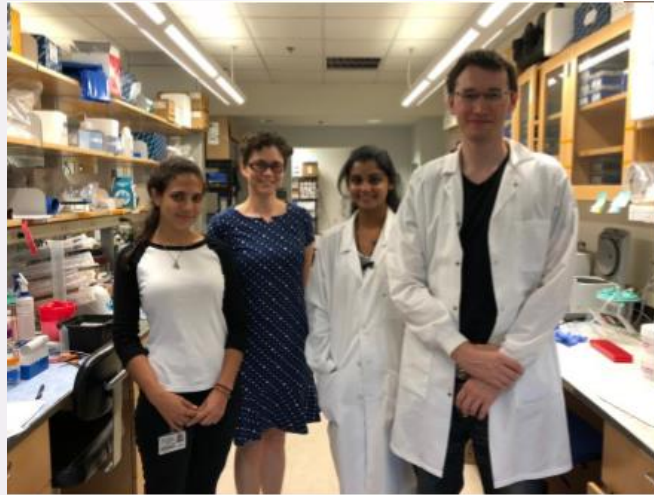
Host Site:

**Bio-Trac Exosomes: Principle, Methods,
and Applications Training Workshop**

“Attending this workshop helped me build the skills and master the techniques necessary for my thesis project”.

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Heidi L. Casellas Román

Graduate Student
Department of Pharmacology and
Toxicology
School of Medicine

Advisor:

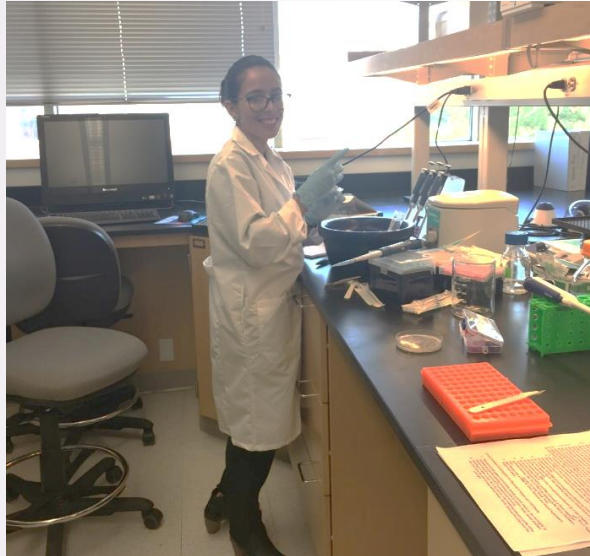
Sylvette Ayala-Peña, PhD, MS, MT

Host Site: University of Florida

“This research experience really impacted my thesis project. Overall, the experience was very enriching for both my educational and personal development”.

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Valeria De La Rosa Reyes

Graduate Student

Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology
School of Medicine

Advisor: Rosa E. Blanco, PhD

Host Site: Rowan University

“The experience was very enriching. I had the opportunity to meet many early-stage investigators at a growing university. I am very grateful for the travel award and hope many other persons benefit from this unique opportunity”.

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Faculty Professional Development Program



Dr. Darlene Santiago
Assistant Professor
School of Pharmacy

Host site: University of Pittsburgh, PA

“This program allow me to analyze blood samples and data of an on-going clinical study with one of my mentors, Dr. Venkatramanan, who has supported my clinical research activities. This research visit provided a great opportunity to present my research to his research team and receive scientific feedback from diverse backgrounds and perspectives”.

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Dr. Sandra Ralat
Assistant Professor
School of Medicine

**Host site: Favaloro University
Buenos Aires, Argentina**

“The two main goals of my visit to Favarola University were establishing a collaboration for conducting clinical research and receiving advice for the development of a clinical and translational center in Puerto Rico focused on bipolar disorders. I have to conclude that the visit was a very productive experience with significant impact on my career development”.

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Dr. María E. Bidot San Antonio
Associate Professor
School of Medicine

**Host site: Saint Louis University
Summer Geriatric Institute**

“One of my professional goals after being trained on cognitive stimulation therapy is to design a research proposal on non-pharmacological interventions with elderly adults suffering from cognitive impairment. My participation in the Saint Louis University Summer Geriatric Institute helped me accomplish this goal”.

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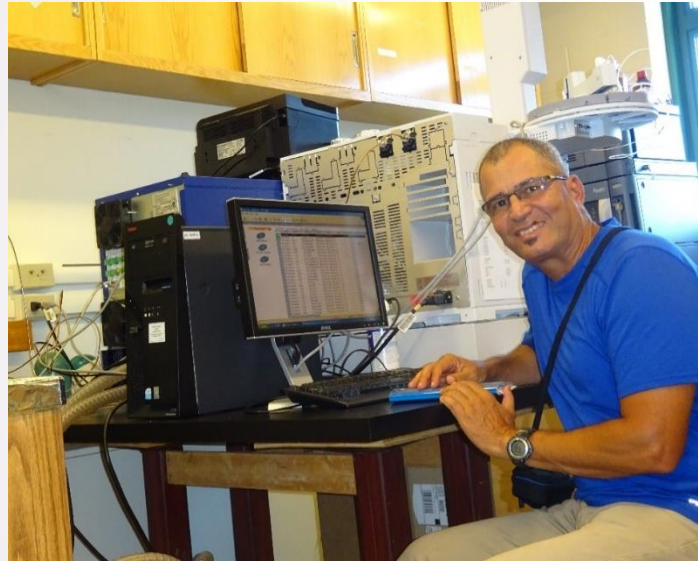
Dr. Ruth E. Ríos Motta
Professor
School of Public Health

**Host site: Summer Evaluation Institute
(American Evaluation Association)**

“The Faculty Professional Development Program allowed me to receive training in topics and skills to improve my competencies related to community engagement, mix-methods, and qualitative research approaches, all necessary for developing competitive research proposals and guide my students in these areas”.

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Dr. Carlos J. Rodríguez Sierra
Professor
School of Public Health

Host site:
University of Rhode Island
Narragansett Bay Campus

“This training award presented a unique opportunity in that the knowledge obtained on passive sampling techniques will be used to establish collaborations with other academic institutions as well as, develop research projects on the extent of contamination by persistent organic pollutants in Puerto Rico”.



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