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## Education

PhD, Biochemical and Molecular Nutrition;  
BS, Biology

## Scientific interests

Cancer Health Disparities, Tumor  
Microenvironment, Immunology,  
Epidemiology

## I applied to iCURE because...

iCURE was the ideal program for me as it supports scientists from diverse backgrounds, research interests, and training levels, and brings them together with a sense of community. The program provides many resources and opportunities for professional development, mentoring, ultimately providing a lasting support system while we focus on performing high quality cancer research, learning and growing as scientists.

## A fun fact about myself is...

I love sending postcards in the mail, so I have a huge box full of cards and stamps.

## A few of my favorite things...

Food: Mofongo (a traditional plantain based Puerto Rican dish) and coconut-passionfruit sorbet, Place: Playa Buyé, Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico. TV Show: *Avatar The Last Airbender*.

## In my spare time, I enjoy...

I love hosting game nights and dinners, baking and making new recipes. French macarons are my most recent recipe learned, and my ultimate favorite is my own creme brûlée recipe.

## My hometown is...

I grew up in Mayagüez, a small town on the west coast of Puerto Rico. In our Taino dialect, Mayagüez means land of clear water.

