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## Education

PhD, Biochemistry, University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus; MS, Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus; BS, Natural Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, Ponce Campus

## Scientific Interests

- Translational sciences
- Targeted therapeutics
- Drug discovery and development
- Cancer metabolism

## I applied to iCURE because...

I was looking for further training outside my research area from my PhD work. I consider the iCURE program an excellent resource for further developing the skills and experience to support my goal, which is to be an independent scientist.

## My favorite traditions/holidays...

My favorite cultural tradition/holiday is Día de Reyes (Epiphany), which commemorates the visit the Three Wise Men paid to Jesus after his birth and is a holiday always celebrated in Puerto Rico. Also, I like Valentine's Day. I think it is cute.

## My hometown is...

Ponce, Puerto Rico

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

I love to spend time with my family and my partner. In my spare time, I practice embroidery and sewing. I also like to go to the beach.

## A few of my favorite things...

I love Puerto Rican and Asian food. One of my favorite places I visited was China and, also, the Panama Canal. My favorite book is *It Ends With Us* by Colleen Hoover, and I am looking forward to the second part (*It Starts with Us*). My favorite movie is *The Great Gatsby* by Baz Luhrmann.