

Institutional Information

Institutional Background

The University of Puerto Rico was created by the Legislative Assembly on 12 March 1903. The second Morrill-Nelson Act was applied to the island in 1908 and the College of Agriculture was established at Mayagüez in 1911. The University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez (UPRM) had its origin in the College of Agriculture. In 1912 the College of Agriculture was renamed the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. It became a semi-autonomous division of the University in 1942, and was renamed University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez, following amendment of the University Law in 1966. Today the UPRM is a comprehensive campus of the UPR system with four colleges: Agricultural Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, and Engineering. UPRM is the Land Grant and Sea Grant Institution of Puerto Rico with the Land Grant missions of instruction, research, and community service present in each College. UPRM is a coeducational, bilingual, non-sectarian public University accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSACS). The four colleges comprise 660 professors and over 12,000 students. Degree offerings include Doctoral degrees in Marine Sciences, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Applied Chemistry. Master degree program are offered in 21 departments, Bachelor degrees in 27, and an Associate degree program in one department. Professional programs are accredited by appropriate societies: Chemistry by the American Chemical Society (ACS), Associate and Bachelor degrees in Nursing by the National League of Nursing (NLN), and Chemical, Civil, Nuclear, Electrical, Industrial and Mechanical Engineering by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET).

Research conducted at UPR in Mayagüez has played a role in the economic, social and professional development of Puerto Rico. Establishment of the Nuclear Center in 1957, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, prompted the initiation of a graduate program. The Office of Graduate Studies was formally instituted in December 1967. Creation of the Colleges of Engineering, Agriculture, Arts and Sciences and Business Administration provided the technical human resources and instruction needed to create an environment favorable for research. During 2012 the UPRM obtained \$24,992,069 from external funds.

Demographics of Student Body

Total enrollment at UPRM during academic year 2011-2012 was 12,474; 11,534 undergraduate and 940 graduate students. This represents a 98% undergraduate and 96% graduate of underrepresented minority. The science and engineering student enrollment underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral research are \$5,300 undergraduates from which 2,829 are females and 2,471 are males and 497 graduates where 247 are females and 250 are males. The total graduation number for year 2011-2012 was 1,997 from which 1,800 were undergraduate and 197 graduates (MS/PhD). Total graduation number in sciences and engineering underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral research are 950 undergraduates and 89 graduates from which 97% of undergraduates are Hispanic American (Puerto Rico) and 63% of graduates are Hispanic American (Puerto Rico), 37% are foreign. A total of 18 PhD degrees were granted, 14 out of 18 were in areas related to biomedical sciences.

PhD Completion Records

Total of UPRM students who have gone on and complete a PhD degree from 2001-2010 as per NSF WebCaspar records: 474

NIH R01 Support

One NIH R01 support has been received at UPRM during fiscal year 2010 and extended until 2012.