

List of MS and PhD Graduates from our department since 2001

Name	Year of Graduation & Degree	What they did after graduation or where they are now?
José J. Reyes Tomasini	2001 - MS	Completed a PhD at the University of Maryland Marine Estuarine and Environmental Sciences Program in 2009 and worked with the Federal government (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)) for several years. Now is Assistant Professor in the Biology Dept. at Saint Francis University in Loreetto, PA
Rhina Jiménez	2001 - MS	Worked in AMGEN for over 20 years and now teacher at CIMATEC specialized school in Math and Sciences, Caguas, PR
Jocelyn Montalvo Ortiz	2002 - MS	Completed her MD at the Universidad Central y del Caribe and now she is a Pediatric Neurologist at UPR Medical Sciences Campus
Marcelo Febo	2002 - PhD	Completed his postdoctoral training at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center and now is an Associate Professor in the Dept. of Psychiatry at UF in Gainesville, FL
Anita Rivera Brown	2004 – PhD	Professor in the PM & R Department at UPR School of Medicine
Carmen Padró	2004 - PhD	Worked in Abbott Pharmaceutical Co., then moved to Boston Scientific.
Lillian Cruz-Orengo	2005 - PhD	Postdoctoral fellow in Pain research from 2006-2008 and another postdoctoral training experience from 2008-2013 in Neuroimmunology at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Now, she is an Assistant Professor at UC Davies in California
Johnny D. Figueroa	2006 - PhD	Postdoctoral Fellow at the UPR Medical Science Campus (2006-2007) and another postdoctoral training experience at Loma

		Linda (2007-2013). Now he is Assistant Professor at Loma Linda School of Medicine, CA
Kandy Velázquez	2006 - MS	Completed a PhD in the Exercise Science graduate program at the University of South Carolina in 2012 and obtained a postdoctoral training in the Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology Department at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine (2013-2019). Now she is an Assistant Professor at the University of South Carolina, School of Medicine, SC.
Guermarie Velázquez	2006 - MS	Completed her PhD in 2014 at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, TX and a postdoctoral training (2014-2017) in the MD-Anderson Cancer Center. Now is the Senior Coordinator of Clinical Research Program at UT MD Anderson, Houston, TX
Karina Acevedo	2009 - PhD	Completed a Post-doctoral Master of Science in Clinical & Translational Research training at the UPR-Medical Sciences Campus and worked in the Pediatric Dept, Hematology & Oncology Section at the UPR School of Medicine. Now she is the Director, Board of Trustees in Lake Sumter State College at Leesburg, FL and CEO of Advance Medical Uniforms, Inc.
Jose García	2010 - PhD	Completed a postdoctoral training at the Institute of Neurobiology in Puerto Rico and now he is an Assistant Professor at UPR Carolina Campus.
Natasha Lugo	2010 - PhD	Obtained a postdoctoral training at NIDA/NIH until 2012. Now, she is the Director of HiSTEP Summer Program an Office of Training & Education, NIH
Raissa Menéndez	2011 - PhD	Completed a Post-doctoral Master of Science in Clinical & Translational Research training , then was a postdoctoral fellow under the

		mentorship of Dr. Valerie Wonja at the UPR Medical Sciences Campus.
José Santiago	2011 - PhD	Obtained a postdoctoral training at the UPR Medical Sciences Campus (2011-2013) and now he is Associate Professor at UPR Carolina Campus, PR
Luz C. Arocho	2011 - PhD	Completed a Pharmacy degree in Massachusetts College of Pharmacy Health Sciences, Worcester Campus in MA (2013). Now she is a Clinical Supplies Senior Manager in Deciphera Pharmaceutical Co. in Boston
Ana Rodríguez	2011 – PhD	Completed a postdoctoral training at the UPR Medical Sciences Campus and finished her doctorate in Naturopathy at the Universidad del Turabo
Iris Salgado	2012 - PhD	Obtained a postdoctoral training at the UPR Medical Sciences Campus (2013-2016) and now she is Assistant Professor in the Pharmacology Depart. at Universidad Central y del Caribe (UCC) School of Medicine
Laurivette Mosquera	2012 - PhD	Completed her DMD from UPR-MSc
Odrick Rosas	2012 - PhD	Completed his MD from UCC in Bayamon, PR and then his PM & R residency at UPR-MSc. Now he is in a subspecialty in Sport Medicine at the UPR School of Medicine.
María E. Vélez	2012 - PhD	Completed her postdoctoral training at State University of New York (2012-2014) and now she is Assistant Professor, Biological and Health Sciences at Texas A & M University in Kingsville, TX
Francisco Arencibia	2013 - PhD	Associate Professor and Chair of Natural Sciences at Universidad Sagrado Corazon, PR
María C. Velázquez Martínez	2013 - PhD	Assistant Professor and Chair of the Basic Science Dept., Physiology Section, School of Medicine, Universidad Industrial de Santander, Colombia
José Quidgley	2014 - PhD	Assistant Professor at UPR-Cayey and San Juan Bautista School of Medicine

Nildris Cruz-Diaz	2014 - PhD	Obtained her postdoctoral training at Wake Forest Baptist Health (2014-2019). Now she is an Instructor in the Hypertension & Vasculature Research Center in Wake Forest School of Medicine, NC
Yaria Arroyo	2014 - PhD	Assistant Professor at Ana G. Mendez University in Cupey, PR
Giselle Barreto	2015 - PhD	Obtained her postdoctoral training at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX (2015-2016). Now she is a Scientist at AMGEN in Juncos, PR
Bermery Santos	2016 - PhD	Obtained her postdoctoral training at Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences (2016-2018) and now she is Assistant Professor in the Biology Dept. at UPR Cayey, PR
Namyr A. Martínez	2016 - PhD	Completed his MD degree from the UPR Medial Sciences Campus, and he finished residency in Pediatrics with a subspecialty in pediatric cardiac critical care at the Children National Medical Center in Washington, DC.
Ana Vacquer	2017 - PhD	Completed her MD and now she is a Neurology Resident at Washington University in St. Louis, MO
Jennifer Colón	2018 - PhD	Postdoctoral Fellow at NIH
Cristina Román	2018 - PhD	Postdoctoral Fellow at Cold Spring Harbor
Rebecca Núñez	2018 - PhD	Postdoctoral Fellow at Universidad Central y del Caribe
Adlin Rodríguez	2018 - PhD	Instructor at Interamerican University in Fajardo, PR
Rebecca Parodi	2018 - PhD	Postdoctoral Fellow at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
Nilmary Grafals	2019 - PhD	Postdoctoral fellow in the Biochemistry Dept. at UPR-MSU.
Enrique Pérez	2020 - PhD	Faculty at UPR-Carolina Campus
Magdiel Martínez	2020 - PhD	Faculty at the Interamerican University in Arecibo