



NEWSLETTER

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What is PRISE?

PRISE is the acronym for the UPR "Ponce Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement." This program is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) under grant #1R25-GM096955.

By fostering competitive research (with a particular focus on the biomedical sciences), UPR-PRISE will:

- Advance the mission and goals of UPR Ponce.
- Increase the intellectual and technical capabilities of our students, which will, in turn, create a pipeline of well-trained students who are expected to complete a BS in biology and then pursue a PhD in biomedical sciences.
- Sponsor summer research internships at research-intensive institutions.
- Offer a standardized verbal test course (aimed at improving GRE verbal scores and conversational English abilities).
- Promote responsible conduct in research.
- Encourage community-based learning.



UPR-PRISE Program will be participating in this conference. Students actively involved in investigations should apply for a travel award. (You might be able to travel with all expenses covered!) Please ask Mr. Albelo, PRISE Program Coordinator, for more information regarding this opportunity.

September and October 2014 Highlights

- **September 12th** Dr. Jon Gottesman from the University of Minnesota offered a conference regarding graduate programs and summer internship opportunities in Minneapolis.
- **September 7th** Dr. Aixa Alfonso and Mr. Francisco Piña, researcher and recruiter, respectively, spoke about admission opportunities at the University of Illinois at Chicago (image 1).
- **September 24th** Mr. Joseph T. Williams and Dr. Paul MacDonald from Case Western Reserve University, Ohio, outlined their Summer Medical Dental Education Program and graduate opportunities (image 2).
- **October 9th** UPR-PRISE Sponsored KAPLAN Conference. In this conference the students were shared the availability of free of charge simulated tests for Graduate Admissions for different Schools
- **October 23rd** Dr. Colin Parrish, a virologist and researcher and the mentor of a PRISE student during the summer of 2014, visited from Cornell University (Ithaca, NY). He offered a conference regarding the prevalence of viruses, discussing the worldwide spread of such viral diseases as dengue, Ebola, and influenza, among others (image 3).
- **October 29th** The Director of Recruitment of the University of Michigan, Ms. Lisa Fletcher, offered



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**PRISE is accepting applications for admission to the
Program in January, 2015. Apply now.
Deadline: December 15, 2014**

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