

## THE ANTONIA PANTOJA RESEARCH MENTORING PROGRAM

**Spend time doing research in Puerto Rico & mentoring undergraduate students from the University of Puerto Rico at Cayey**

- **Summer Deadline: January 10, 2019**
- **Fall Deadline: January 10, 2019**
- **Spring Deadline: August 15, 2019**

This program invites Puerto Rican scholars and other scholars interested in Puerto Rico to participate as research mentors of undergraduate students at UPR-Cayey. Participating faculty can take advantage of existing procedures developed by the UPR-Cayey Institute of Interdisciplinary Research (IIR) where students enroll in a course created for such purposes (INTD 4116), meet once a week with their mentors, produce a written research report, and present a final oral presentation at the annual UPR-Cayey interdisciplinary symposia. Collaboration between visiting and local researchers is encouraged.

### ELIGIBILITY & TERMS

- The program is open to full time faculty from all disciplines and areas of inquiry from an accredited university who are able to travel to Puerto Rico to conduct research in the fall, spring, or summer.
- Faculty can work with three or more undergraduate students who will receive 1-3 academic credits for collaborating in the research project.
- The program provides a temporary affiliation to UPR – Cayey, a shared office space and access to fax, copying, scanning and tele-conferencing facilities. Students and faculty can have access to the IIR computer lab. Logistical support for student recruitment is also offered.
- The UPR -Cayey can support a maximum of two researcher mentors at any given time and an unlimited number of student participants.
- The program does not provide salary or student stipends, support for relocation expenses, housing or living expenses, lab space for conducting experiments, or funding for research costs. Funds for such purposes will depend on the availability of funds provided by participating faculty or external donors.

**HOW TO APPLY?** Interested faculty should send the following materials:

- Application (<http://bit.ly/applicationantoniapantojas>)
- CV (5-page max.)
- A research proposal (max 10 pages) Find guidelines below
- Letter indicating how you will support your research while in Puerto Rico.
- Recommendation letter from a Department Chair or Program Director

### THE INTD 4116 COURSE

Students who enroll in the course INTD 4116 (Interdisciplinary research experiences for students) collaborate as Research Assistants in a research designed by a research mentor. Students can

receive anywhere from 1 to 3 credits for the experience. The course is open to researchers and students from any department or discipline.

To offer the course, the researcher must develop a research proposal and present it to the Institute's Evaluating Committee, along with all the supporting materials for evaluation by the specified deadline (find table below)

Once the course is approved, the researchers can recruit and select the students who will be working on the project as research assistants. The Institute will advertise the course, instructing students to contact the researcher for an interview.

## PROGRAM DEADLINES

For the Research Period of...	Application Deadline is...	Notification	Student Recruitment
<b>Summer</b> (June- July 2019)	January 10, 2019	March 11, 2019	April 10 – May 1, 2019
<b>Fall</b> (August 15 - December 15, 2019)	January 10, 2019	March 11, 2019	April 10 - May 1, 2019
<b>Spring</b> (January 15 – May 15 2020)	August 15, 2019	October 18, 2019	November 6-15, 2019

## GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT

The proposal should delineate research project goals and methodologies to be completed, students' roles and activities, and the applicant's plans to fund the proposed research while in Puerto Rico. The proposal must not exceed 10 pages in length and must have the following information:

- I. Investigator name, rank and Institutional affiliation
- II. Project description
- III. Project Objectives and Methodologies
- IV. Description of students' role in the project
- V. Work Schedule (for the expected duration of the project)
- VI. Short term and long-term results or products
- VII Plan for the dissemination of results
- VIII. Budget (not that all research costs are to be covered by the researcher)
- IX. Bibliography

You can find examples of previous successful proposals under "Propuestas Modelo" at <http://www.upr.edu/iii-cayey/cursos-intd/>

The Institute encourages researchers to disseminate the preliminary results of their projects and train students to present their work in progress. Dissemination can be through a presentation in a professional forum, the radio, at a seminar or UPR-Cayey conference, or by publishing a research report in the Institute's series *Cuadernos*.  
<https://issuu.com/institutoinvestigaciones/stacks/6a751ecef6344c6bd0806a07db382d2>

We prefer dissemination modalities that have an impact at the UPR-Cayey campus. Dissemination can be done during the period established by the proposal or three months after the research is completed. *We ask that visiting researchers acknowledge the Institute and the contributions of UPR-Cayey students in their publications and presentations.*