



Puerto Rico
Science, Technology
& Research Trust



The Post-Hurricane Maria Aid for Researchers Grant Program is available to Caribbean (Puerto Rico and USVI) undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty and K-12 STEM educators to apply for support of their recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

Please be sure to carefully review the funding criteria, the types of applications that may be submitted, and the information that will be required for your application as described here: <http://prsciencetrust.org/help-for-researcher/>. Si desea, puede escribir sus respuestas a las preguntas en español. In addition to the online application, required letters of support/recommendation must be received through the online portal in order for your submission to be considered complete and ready to be reviewed. Be sure to have all the necessary information and upload documents in hand before filling out the application.

BEFORE PROCEEDING with an application, please be sure to review the [more than 400 offers](#) of work space, reagents, and aid received through the [Ciencia Puerto Rico network](#). If you are applying for CONTINUITY FUNDS, please contact the investigators on this list, or from among your own contacts, and discuss the possibility of a visiting position or other forms of assistance before you submit your application. **You will need a letter of support from your host before your application can be considered for funding.**

BUDGET INFORMATION: Continuity and thesis awards will be limited to \$1,000. Restoration awards may vary, but will not exceed \$2,000 per grant. The applications will be evaluated as competitive merit awards and awardees will be selected on the basis of the number of applications received, availability of funds, demonstration of need, and alignment with the priorities of funding partners. *Only one submission per individual will be accepted so please consider your request carefully.*

To begin, please click on the "+ Create a Profile to Get Started" button below.

Once your user profile is completed, please click on the "+ Get Started" button below to proceed with your the TWO-STEP Process: Step 1) Application for Assistance and Step 2) Request for Letters.

The color of the "Application" button on the submission square indicates the status of your application:

- YELLOW: Your application is in progress and requires additional input
- GRAY: Your application has been submitted and is being processed
- RED: Something is wrong! Please contact the administrator at hurricanegrantpr@prsciencetrust.org

PROFILE

*First Name

Middle Initial

*Last Name (Paternal)

Maternal Last Name (Maternal)

*Home Address

*City

*State

*Zip

*Cell Phone

*Email

*Career Level:

Undergraduate Student

Graduate Student

Postdoctoral Fellow

Faculty

K-12 STEM Teacher

*Teaching Awards

* Academic degree pursued:

Master's

PhD

MD

*Faculty Rank

Assistant

Associate

Full

* Institution/Organization Name

Department

* Office Phone

*Institution Address

*Institution City

*Institution State

*Institution Zip

STEP 1 of 2: APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

This form allows you to provide details regarding your request for funds in one of three tracks: **CONTINUITY**, **RESTORATION**, and **THESIS**.

Continuity funds: To support researchers who need to relocate temporarily to continue research projects with collaborators outside the Caribbean region. Funds may be used to support travel costs, registration for conferences. *Award requests of up to \$1,000.*

Restoration Funds: To help in restocking lost materials lost, repairing damaged equipment and/or rehabilitating teaching or research facilities. *Award requests of up to \$2,000.*

Thesis Funds: To allow undergraduate or graduate students who are within a year of completing their degree and intend to pursue a teaching or research career in the Caribbean region. Applicants must have completed all departmental and institutional requirements for their degree, with the exception of writing and defending the thesis. *Award requests of up to \$1,000.*

Strategic Sector

- Information and Communications Technology
- Life Sciences

- Biochemistry
- Bioengineering
- Biophysics
- Cell Biology
- Developmental Biology
- Ecology
- Genetics
- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology
- Neuroscience
- Physiology
- Toxicology
- Biomedical Research
- Botany
- Other Life Science
- Public Health
- Clinical Research

- Medical Devices
- Aerospace
- Clean/Renewable Technologies
- Agriculture
- Environmental Sciences
- Education

K-12 STEM

Other (please specify)

- **Continuity Track**

Brief description summarizing the research/work to be done during the time outside the institution of origin (250 words). Si desea, puede escribir sus respuestas a las preguntas en español.

Explain what funds will be used for, why funds are needed and how temporary relocation will be beneficial (250 words). Si desea, puede escribir sus respuestas a las preguntas en español.

- **Restoration Track**

Brief description of the loss or damage resulting from the hurricane and how they will be replaced, what funds will be used for, how supplemental funds will be beneficial (250 words). Si desea, puede escribir sus respuestas a las preguntas en español.

Provide a detailed description of items to be replaced and estimated costs. (upload or cut and paste). Si desea, puede escribir sus respuestas a las preguntas en español.

- **Thesis Track**

Personal statement describing your background, experience and commitment to a career in science and education in the Caribbean region (150 words). Si desea, puede escribir sus respuestas a las preguntas en español.

Detailed proposed plan and schedule to complete the dissertation. Statement of specific needs and reason for the supplementary funds. (250 words). Si desea, puede escribir sus respuestas a las preguntas en español.

Upload your Curriculum Vitae (recommended)

Cut and paste your curriculum vitae (optional)

Professional Profile URL (LinkedIn, CienciaPR Profile, ResearchGate, etc):

STEP 2 of 2: REQUESTS FOR LETTERS

This form allows you to create requests to be sent for **letters of support** that are necessary to complete your application. *All applicants are required to complete this step.*

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This online application system will automatically send a request for letter to the person(s) whose email addresses you provide in the form below.

CONTINUITY TRACK applicants must add TWO new items.

THESIS TRACK applicants must add ONE new item.

RESTORATION TRACK applicants do not need any new items.

Click "+ Add New item" to begin.

When you have completed the required requests for letters, click on the application ID number above to return to the SUBMISSION page. Scroll to bottom of the page and click "SUBMIT" to finish application.

Your Requested Track:

- **Continuity Track** For this Track you will need to create TWO letter requests:
 - 1) Institutional Letter of Support (cut and paste this request into the box below):
I have applied for a CONTINUITY grant from the Post-Hurricane Maria Aid for Researchers Program offered through the Puerto Rico Science, Technology and Research Trust in collaboration with AAAS-Caribbean Division and CienciaPR. Please provide a letter indicating your support for my participation in a collaborative project outside of my home institution, and to excuse my obligations during the time abroad.
 - 2) Collaborator Letter of Commitment (cut and paste this request into the box below):
I have applied for a CONTINUITY grant from the Post-Hurricane Maria Aid for Researchers Program offered through the Puerto Rico Science, Technology and Research Trust in collaboration with AAAS-Caribbean Division and CienciaPR. Please provide a brief letter of commitment that answers the following questions:
1) What is your relationship with the investigator or his/her colleagues? Is this an established collaboration, a new collaboration, recent offer of emergency assistance? 2) How long can you host [Applicant Name] and where? 3) What space, equipment and resources will be available to the investigator during their

stay? 4) Please provide a brief description of your research, and the proposed role, if any, that the investigator will play.

Upload Institutional Letter of Support (optional)

Upload Collaborator Letter of Commitment (optional)

- **Restoration Track** No letters are needed for a RESTORATION grant application. Please save this form to complete this step.
- **Thesis Track**
Letter of Recommendation from THESIS ADVISOR (cut and paste this request into the box below):
I have applied for a THESIS grant from the Post-Hurricane Maria Aid for Researchers Program offered through the Puerto Rico Science, Technology and Research Trust in collaboration with AAAS-Caribbean Division and CienciaPR. Please provide a brief letter of recommendation that confirms the following: 1) that I am completing a masters or PhD at a Puerto Rican university under your mentorship; 2) that I am within a year of completing my degree; 3) that completion of my dissertation has been negatively impacted by Hurricane Maria; and 4) how funding from this grant program will enable me to complete my thesis dissertation.

Upload Letter of Recommendation from your Thesis Advisor (optional)

Name of person writing the letter

Email of person writing the letter

Note to recommender (cut and paste from above; provide additional details as needed)

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

BOTH application steps above must be completed in order to submit your application.

SUBMIT

Thank you for your application to the Post-Hurricane Maria Aid for Researchers Grant Program. Applications will be reviewed beginning November 6, 2017 and be awarded on a rolling basis pending the availability of funds. All applicants will be notified of their application status within 21 days of a completed submission (including receipt of required letters through the online portal). Please logon to the online application portal to check on the status of your application. Any questions about the program or your application may be sent to hurricanegrantspr@prsciencetrust.org.