

## Biographical Sketch

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**LAURA Y. DIAZ**

**Current Status**

B.S. Student

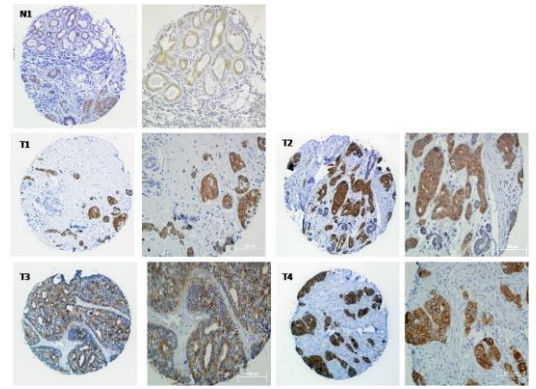
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**Education:**

2015 – present UPR-RP

2020 B.S. Molecular Biology (expected)



**Research Interests:**

My interests include molecular biology, pathology, and genetics. I want to further understand human pathologies and study its effects on the body's homeostasis. The main goal would not only be to search for possible treatments, but also successfully map out the way our body interacts with itself.

**Research Experience:**

2017 (Summer) UPR-RP, “Investigación Bioarqueológica de los Antiguos Habitantes de Boriquén,” (mentor, Dr. Edwin Crespo)

2018 (Summer) Brown University, “Identifying Mouse Tissues that Express the Manganese Transporter Slc30a10 and Analyzing Glycogen and Lipid Levels in Organs of Slc30a10 Deficient Mice,” (mentor, Dr. Thomas Bartnikas)

**Honors:**

2016 – present Dean's List

2016 – present Golden key International Honor Society

2016 – present Honors Program

2018 – present Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC) Research Assistantship

**Presentations and Local Meetings:**

2018 25<sup>th</sup> Leadership Alliance National Symposium, Hartford, CT