

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH  
*René J. García Del Valle*

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**CURRENT STATUS**

Undergraduate Student  
Department of Chemistry – University of Puerto Rico-Río Piedras

**EDUCATION**

2017-present      University of Puerto Rico-Río Piedras  
2021                BS Chemistry -expected-

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

The basis of my research is the synthesis and biological evaluation of natural marine products; currently I am working on the development of new hydantoin derivatives and the review of their cytological activity towards lung cancer cells. My aim after I complete my undergraduate studies is to pursue a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCES**

2017-present      Research Assistant; *mentor, Dr. Néstor M. Carballeira*

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

2017-2018        Member of the Student Council of the College of Natural Sciences  
Representative of First Year Undergraduate Students from the Department of Chemistry

2018-present      Directive Member of the American Chemical Society,  
Río Piedras Chapter  
Outreach Coordinator of the Chemistry Magic Show

## **HONORS**

2017-present      Donald Knauss Scholar  
2018                  Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE)  
Undergraduate Member