



Puerto Rico Research Hub

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Based on Puerto Rico's unpredictable earthquakes that have occurred throughout the last week of December 2019 and entering the new year of 2020, the Puerto Rico Research Hub is aware of the current situation and events the island is experiencing. As the Puerto Rico Research Hub is the center of activities related to Puerto Ricans in Central Florida, the Hub is monitoring Puerto Rico's situation closely and taking initiatives as needed. For more information on the concentrated areas of the research hub including ongoing academic research, outreach, and donations in the community, make sure to visit the Puerto Rico Research Hub Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ucfprhub/> or website <https://sciences.ucf.edu/puerto-rico-hub/>.

With the Hub's ongoing academic research within the Puerto Rican community, our colleagues are taking the lead and providing updates regularly. The RISE Network is a National Council for Science and the Environment (NCSE) program which engages in connections and collaborations between universities and communities focusing on the resilience of weather disasters in different areas. For more details on the needs from the academic community in Puerto Rico, collaboration projects, and grant information, please visit the RISE Network Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/The-RISE-Network-107280384139493/>. Also, Ciencia Puerto Rico sheds light on the importance of science in Puerto Rico and collaborates with scientific researchers studying Puerto Rico. For more information on how to get involved, visit <https://www.cienciapr.org/>.

As the unfortunate events are raising many questions and concerns within both the UCF and Puerto Rican community, there are certainly various ways to keep up-to-date and become involved. The Puerto Rico Research Hub is also involved with grants and research from the Social Science Extreme Events Research (SSEER) which focuses on developing connections with other teams, communities, and individuals researching disaster risk or affected areas. For additional information on grants and research, visit <https://converge.colorado.edu/research-networks/sseer/what-is-sseer>. For any media inquiries please contact Dr. Rivera at Fernando.Rivera@ucf.edu.