

María A. González-Morales



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About Yourself: I am a 23 years old recent graduate student pursuing a masters in Agricultural Biology in Entomology. I finished a bachelor degree in Agricultural Sciences in Crop protection with the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez campus. I am very passionate about the environment, crops, bugs and overall nature. Science and agricultural education are also one of my biggest loves that is why my future goal it is to pursue a PhD in entomology to be a Professor and researcher in this field that will be making my hobby a job.

Career Experiences:

As a graduate student I am working with Chemicals as Insecticide Synergists and Behavioral Modifiers in the Common Bed Bug, *Cimex lectularius*. As an undergraduate I participated in several research: USDA (Identification and characterization of fungal endophytes in the boxwood phyllosphere using next generation sequencing and *Shamrock Chlorotic Ringspot Virus, a Potyvirus*), University (Identification and characterization of parasitoids in white fly *Aleurodicus* spp in *Schefflera* spp and Center of Education and Training in Agricultural and Related Sciences) and with Forest Service (El Yunque PR) and many others.

Skills:

Bilingual: Spanish and English, Excellent basic computer skills (PWP, Word, Excel), multitasking, adaptable to new environments, versatile team worker, passionate about learning.

Accomplishments/ Clubs/ other:

NRCT program

Scientific paper publication in process to be published

Plans after Graduation:

After my master's graduation I plan to continue PhD studies in Agricultural Entomology. I would love to be either a professor or a extensionist. In the future I would like to make post-doctoral studies in Agricultural education. At some point I would like to join either Peace Corps or any missioner group were I can use my academic knowledge to help other people.