

# PUERTO RICO



ECA's educational, professional, and cultural exchange programs increase mutual understanding between U.S. citizens and citizens from 160 countries.

ECA's programs benefit the state's economy through partnerships with academic institutions, non-profits, local governments, and civic organizations.

## ECA Fast Facts 2023-2024

Of the students and scholars from Puerto Rico...

**6** Participated in the the **Fulbright U.S. Student and U.S. Scholar Programs**.

**10** High-achieving students with limited financial means received **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships**.

**1** Were awarded **Critical Language Scholarships** to study languages vital to American national security and economic prosperity.

**1** Received a scholarship for one of these youth exchange programs:

- **Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange** (CBYX)
- **National Security Language Initiative for Youth** (NSLI-Y)
- **Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad** (YES Abroad)
- **Youth Leadership Program**

Of the international scholars, students, teachers and professionals visiting the state...

**52** Engaged with cultural **BridgeUSA** programs as academic, student, and professional exchanges visitors.

## Academic Exchanges

**259**



Students from colleges and universities in the state studied abroad in academic year (AY) 2022-2023.

**513**



International students attended colleges and universities in Puerto Rico during AY 2023-2024.\*

In AY 23-24, international students at colleges and universities contributed an estimated **\$13.5 million** to the state economy.\*

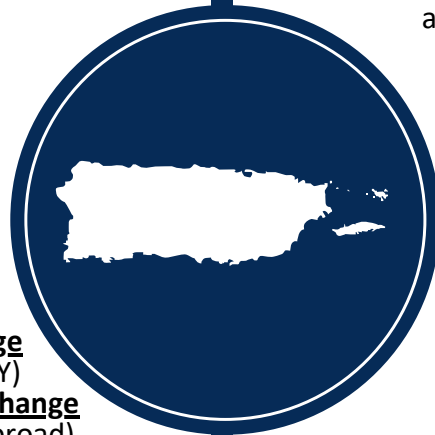
## Leading Host Institutions for International Students

University of Puerto Rico - Mayaguez  
University of Sacred Heart  
Universidad Ana G. Mendez - Gurabo Campus  
Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music  
InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico - Metro

## IDEAS Study Abroad Grants

Colleges and universities that were awarded IDEAS study abroad capacity-building grants in AY 23-24:

University of Puerto Rico



\*Open Doors State Fact Sheets, Institute of International Education, Inc.



Music  
Diplomacy  
through  
the IVLP



## International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)

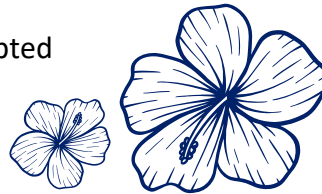
The **IVLP** is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program. Through short-term visits to the United States, current and emerging foreign leaders experience this country firsthand and cultivate lasting relationships with their American counterparts.

### **Luis Alberto Ferre Aguayo**

Former Governor of Puerto Rico;  
Presidential Medal of Freedom Recipient  
(STAGS – Short Term American Grant  
Speakers to Japan 1970)

### **Jose E. Rivera**

Nominated for the Best Adapted  
Screenplay Oscar for  
"The Motorcycle Diaries"  
(Fulbright U.S. Scholar to  
the United Kingdom 1989)



## Notable Alumni in Puerto Rico

## BridgeUSA

ECA's **BridgeUSA** exchanges allow students and professionals from around the world to study, intern, train, conduct research, collaborate, and explore culture in the United States. **BridgeUSA** is privately funded and represents ECA's largest and most diverse program.

## Participants by Category

In 2023, participants in Puerto Rico served in the following **BridgeUSA** categories (in rank order):

- Student, Non-Degree
- Professor
- Research Scholar
- Student Intern
- Short-Term Scholar

