Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico (PUPR) is recognized as a nationwide leader producing high quality engineers and STEM professionals from mostly Hispanic underrepresented groups. It has a very well-established mechanism to attract talented minority students and a very well-developed mentoring and support system to help them succeed, both academically as well as in job placement.

Our mission is to develop basic research in cybersecurity to enhance research and education capabilities in scientific and engineering disciplines critical to National Security and to the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity (NCAE-C) program.

PUPR was designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education (CAE/IAE) by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security (NSA/DHS) in June 2009. In 2016 PUPR was re-designated for a second time as a CAE in Information Assurance and Cyber Defense (IA/CD) until the year 2020-21. We were newly designated until the year 2027. We were the first institution in Puerto Rico to obtain the CAE Designation. Our PoS is the Master of Science in Computer Science in Cybersecurity. We also offer two graduate certificates in cybersecurity: the Graduate Certificate in Information Assurance and Security (GCIAS) and a Graduate Certificate in Digital Forensics (GDCF). PUPR is also offering a PhD program where security is one of the core research areas. This initiative focuses on developing an Interdisciplinary PhD in Engineering Science. Students will master two core areas straddling the interdisciplinary research area. Security is eminently interdisciplinary in engineering.

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