

A Celebration of Collaboration: The Wisconsin MRSEC and the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez

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In October 2025, Wisconsin MRSEC researchers and the Interdisciplinary Education and Outreach Team (E/O) traveled to the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez (UPRM) for the 2025 PREM Annual Meeting. This visit underscored the long-standing partnership between the Wisconsin MRSEC and UPRM.

Highlights of the event include: hands-on training of UPRM's Student Leadership Council to lead Wisconsin MRSEC research-inspired activities, a pre-service teacher workshop that provided classroom-ready, research-inspired activities, led by E/O Assistant Director Grandell, and Mentoring Up and Science Communication through Improvisation workshops for UPRM students led by E/O Director Gillian-Daniel. Faculty and student research collaborations were furthered through MRSEC and PREM researcher lab visits.

The event reinforced a culture of shared innovation, demonstrating how strong institutional partnerships can transform learning into meaningful, collaborative impact that bridges research, education, and community engagement.



Clockwise from top left: PR high school students engage with MRSEC research-inspired content led by WI MRSEC and UPRM faculty, PREM faculty and pre-service teachers at UPRM engage with MRSEC RET classroom modules, PREM collaborators participate at a UPRM outreach event; PREM undergraduate and graduate students take part in an improvisation and science communication workshop led by Wisconsin MRSEC.

