

**Ponce School of Medicine MBRs/RISE Program
Attending a Scientific/Professional Conference
Pre-Departure Participant Form**

Date: _____
Year in Program: _____

Name of the Scientific Conference you will Attend: _____

Conference Location: _____ Dates of the Conference: _____

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| 1. How many times have you traveled outside Puerto Rico? | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3+ |
| 2. How many times have you attended a local scientific conference? | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3+ |
| 3. How many times have you attended a national scientific conference? | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3+ |
| 4. How many times have you presented a poster in a scientific meeting? | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3+ |

From the activities below, which do you expect to attend during the conference?

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| 5. Poster sessions | Yes | Maybe | No |
| 6. Plenary lectures | Yes | Maybe | No |
| 7. Scientific oral presentations | Yes | Maybe | No |
| 8. Symposia, workshops, and satellites | Yes | Maybe | No |
| 9. Exhibits | Yes | Maybe | No |
| 10. Placement (employment) services / Post-doctoral opportunities | Yes | Maybe | No |
| 11. Professional / career development sessions | Yes | Maybe | No |
| 12. Special interest gatherings and social receptions | Yes | Maybe | No |

In priority order, from 1 to 5: 1= not important at all, 5 = most important of all, **please rate what attracts you most about attending this conference?**

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| 13. The conference's scientific program | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14. The opportunity to visit other places | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 15. The camaraderie of traveling with friends | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 16. The opportunity to meet people involved in science | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 17. The opportunity to advance professional career | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 18. Other: _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

In priority order, from 1 to 5: 1= not important at all, 5 = most important of all, **please rate what detracts you the most about attending this conference?**

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| 19. Leaving family (spouses, children, etc.) behind | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 20. Missing classes | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 21. Travel arrangements (time, packing, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 22. Extra expenses | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 23. Communicating in English all day | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 24. Dealing with an unfamiliar environment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 25. Other: _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |