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65TH CONFERENCE PUERTO RICO 20-22 OCTOBER



Plan your Trip to Fajardo, Puerto Rico

We are excited to host you at the 65th FDRS conference in Puerto Rico, featuring research sessions, our Student Marketing Challenge Competition, award recognitions for outstanding work on food distribution research, and networking opportunities. Below is information to help you plan your visit.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Sun, Oct 20	Mon, Oct 21	Tue, Oct 22
S-1088 Meeting Registration opens FDRS Student Marketing Challenge Welcome Reception <i>Hors d'oeuvres included</i>	Registration Symposia and Research Sessions Richardson-Applebaum Awards Luncheon <i>Lunch included</i> Symposia and Research Sessions Award Ceremony & Banquet <i>Dinner included</i>	FDRS Business Meeting <i>Breakfast included</i> Research Sessions

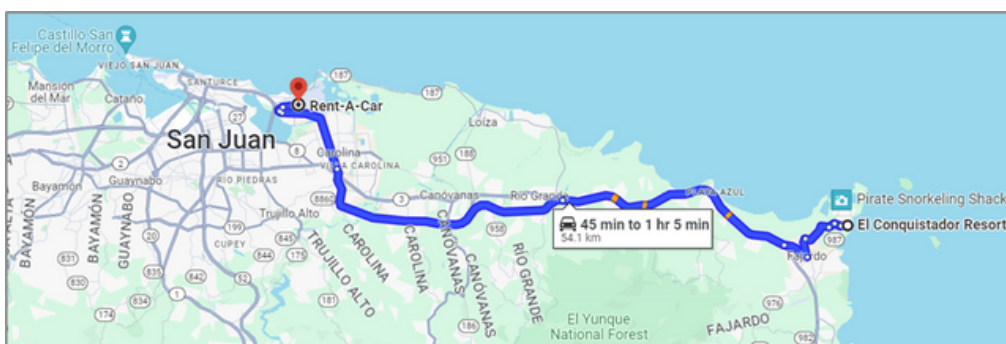
TRAVEL LOGISTICS



Airport: Fly to the Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport, commonly known as the San Juan Airport (SJU). [Download the airport map](#). As a U.S. territory, Puerto Rico may require a valid U.S. visa for international travelers.



Ground transportation to/from hotel: For shuttle services, please reserve your spot ahead of time using [this link](#) to receive the FDRS conference group rate. For private services, contact First Class Chauffeurs at (787) 296-5466 or info@limopr.com. For taxi services, contact El Conquistador at Concierge@ConquistadorResort.com or 787.863.1000, ext. 6999. For a car rental directory, please visit [this link](#). Car rentals require drivers to be 25+ with a valid license and credit card.



CONFERENCE VENUE



The conference registration fee does not cover lodging. Participants must book accommodations in advance at **El Conquistador Resort** using the link below to receive the FDRS conference government group rate of \$239/night, + taxes & fees. The booking ID is 846.

Link: [Reserve Here](#)

Cut-off date: Sept 12, 2024

Resort map: [Here](#)



MEALS



Conference registration includes lunch & dinner on Monday, and breakfast on Tuesday. For additional dining options available at El Conquistador Resort, please visit [here](#).

BUDGETING



To estimate a travel budget, consider the expense categories below. Individual expenses may vary.

- FDRS conference registration & membership
- Transportation to local airport
- Local airport parking
- Airline ticket
- Airline fees (e.g., baggage fees)
- Ground transportation between SJU airport & Fajardo
- Car rental parking fees & gas
- Lodging
- Meals not included in the registration
- Visa or other travel documents, if applicable
- Other anticipated business expenses (e.g., tolls, credit card fees)

THINGS TO DO



The conference venue provides various amenities including a pool, golf, tennis, spa, Coqui waterpark, and Palomino Island beach. If you want to explore the island, nearby attractions in the East include:

- Hacienda Chocolat (25 min drive)
- El Yunque Rain Forest (35 min drive)
- Luquillo Beach (25 min drive)
- Fajardo Bioluminescent Bay (9 min drive)

For more information:

<https://www.conquistadorresort.com/attractions>

<https://www.discoverpuertorico.com/>

<https://www.saltourspr.com/>

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FAQs

1. **Is child or dependent care provided?** We do not offer child or dependent care support at this time.
2. **Are there other lodging alternatives nearby?** We recommended that all conference attendees stay at the conference venue (El Conquistador) to facilitate logistics. Guests must check in at the main gate to enter the grounds, and the resort's security team may request booking details to enter the property.
3. **Do you provide tours or excursions?** We do not offer FDRS-organized tours or excursions. However, Puerto Rico is a premier tourist destination. We offer recommendations for agri-food tours and nearby attractions in East Puerto Rico. The conference venue also contains various amenities, including a pool, golf, tennis, spa, Coqui waterpark, and Palomino Island beach. In addition, the resort partners with [Saltours](http://adventuresaltsourspr.com) (adventuresaltsourspr.com) for tours across the island.
4. **Do you provide transportation to nearby attractions?** FDRS does not offer transportation to nearby attractions. For ground transportation, please get in touch with the resort concierge at Concierge@ConquistadorResort.com or (787) 863-1000 ext 6999. Saltours can also assist with taxi arrangements for their tours.
5. **Is the resort pet-friendly?** While they love animals, the resort only accepts ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Certified Service Animals.
6. **What is the resort cancellation policy under the group rate?** The conference venue requires a deposit of one (1) night's room and tax to be charged upon reservation. There is a 72-hour cancellation policy to avoid penalty. If cancellation is required within 72-hours, one (1) night deposit plus tax will be forfeited. No-shows will forfeit one (1) night plus tax deposit. After arrival, guests departing earlier than reserved will be charged one (1) night room and applicable tax.
7. **What is the conference registration cancellation policy?** The conference registration is transferable. If the conference is canceled due to unavoidable or unforeseeable events, the conference registration minus any merchant fees charged by a third-party will be refunded.
8. **I tried to reserve a hotel room, but no rooms were available. What do I do?** Please reach out to our VP for Logistics and Outreach (Dr. Rodney Holcomb) or the leadership team.
9. **I have a question about the research sessions. Who do I reach out to?** Please reach out to our VP for Research (Dr. Maria Bampasidou) or the leadership team.
10. **I am interested in being a conference sponsor. Who do I reach out to?** Please reach out to our Secretary-Treasurer (Dr. Kim Morgan), President (Dr. Alba Collart), or the leadership team.

For additional information: [Resort policies](#), [Resort accessibility](#), [Arriving at San Juan's International Airport](#)

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