The Graduate Research and Innovation Center (GRIC), inaugurated in September 2016, is changing the way that the library intervenes in the UPRM research ecosystem. The GRIC was envisioned as an appealing space where researchers, students, and faculty from diverse backgrounds and interests come to together to develop innovative projects. It is also an enriching space with tailored services in academic writing, scholarly communications, research methodology, digital scholarship and data management, among others.

The research lifecycle has been defined as the core competencies of GRIC, intersected by ACRL’s Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education.

**Academic Communication:**
- The Graduate Writing Facilitators (GWF) offer personalized support to graduate students in oral and written academic communication.

**Research Integrity:**
- Graduate students, faculty, and researchers have access to Turnitin and iThenticate, two online platforms that help validate original work.

**Electronic & Print Resources:**
- As part of our support program for research, graduate students have access to databases such as JSTOR and style manuals such as MLA, APA (Spanish & English), ACS, Chicago & CSE.

**Consulting:**
- Data management plans, preservation of paper or electronic research documents, deposits in the institutional digital repository, among others.

**Training & Professional Development:**
- Newly created workshops include: Professional Online Presence, Data Management Plans and Best Practices, Literature Review, Elevator Speech, Citation Management (Mendeley), Plagiarism 101, Poster Presentation, and Academic Branding.

**Technology Infrastructure:** 26 laptops, 6 All-in-Ones, 1 PC desktop with server specifications, 1 Apple iMac & MacBook Pro computers, 1 89° Sharp Aquos interactive board & LCD, 1 teleconference media:scape collaborative desk with two 32° Samsung smart LCDs, 2 40° Samsung smart LCDs, one with an Apple TV and the other with Lenovo Stick 300 Windows pocket-sized PC, 2 scanners, and 2 video conferencing systems.

**Server Infrastructure:** Private dedicated LAN and single sign-on authentication, access control system, & CentOS server for the institutional digital repository using the DSpace platform.

**Springshare Suite:** User centered website for administration and data tracking [http://libguides.uprm.edu/gric](http://libguides.uprm.edu/gric)

**Needs/suggestions were collected through surveys, focus groups, and individual interviews to serve as a basis to develop, alongside the architect, the final design of the collaborative research space.**