

Biographical Sketch

Mario Jordi Maura Pérez, MBA, MSc, PhD.

Dr. Maura is an Associate Professor of Finance at the AACSB-accredited School of Business Administration, University of Puerto Rico (UPR), Río Piedras Campus. He teaches advanced Finance courses at the Department of Finance, undergraduate level, and entrepreneurship and start-up valuation courses both at an undergraduate and graduate level. Dr. Maura is also the Chairperson in the Entrepreneurship Development Program at UPR Río Piedras and is part of a work group for the development of entrepreneurship initiatives in the UPR System (island wide).

Education and Training

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| University of Puerto Rico | Finance | BBA, 1997 |
| University of Puerto Rico | Finance | MBA, 2000 |
| Universidad Autónoma de Madrid | Finance | MSc, 2007 |
| Universidad Autónoma/Complutense Mad. | Finance | PhD, 2009 |

Research and Professional Experience

Dr. Mario J. Maura has been teaching finance at the School of Business Administration at the UPR RP since 2001. Some of the most relevant courses he has thought at the finance and entrepreneurship program are focused on small business development, business and start up valuation, advanced managerial finance, investments and financial analysis models. He has also been on several international editorial boards for the Financial Management Association, Northern Finance Association, Southern Finance Association, World Finance Conference, Forum Empresarial, Revista Umbral, amongst others.

He is a Babson College fellow for the development of entrepreneurship education, is also a fellow of Guayacán Group/Stanford Venture Program for the development of entrepreneurship education in Latin America, the Georgia Tech Entrepreneurship Development Program and collaborator with the MIT REAP program. Dr. Maura is also a Kauffman Foundation certified trainer in the Entrepreneurship Learning Initiatives' ICE House Program.

Dr. Maura has conducted both academic and practical research in finance and entrepreneurship and has given many workshops on said disciplines both locally and internationally. He is active in community service working in the CAUCE project for the economic development of Río Piedras, the Municipality of San Juan, developing workshops for small business owners, as well as the CEPED project in UPR Carolina focused on the economic development and empowerment of small business owners in the area. Dr. Maura has also collaborated in the development of agricultural entrepreneurship initiatives in the municipality of Utuado, Puerto Rico working together with the Farmers Association of said municipality. He is also an advisor at the PR Science and Technology Trust, for the development of the clinical trials industry in the Island.

He has collaborated with Dr. Manuel Lobato in the development, together with Banco Popular Foundation, of the "Innovation Thursdays" initiative. This last initiative is geared toward finding solutions to help Puerto Rico's economic crisis through the development of student based social entrepreneurship initiatives. He is also collaborator for the UMAIPUR initiative at the UPR, the

project is geared toward the commercialization of UPR's intellectual property through the RED-ICI project.

Dr. Maura also has experience in the private sector, serving as small business consultant, financial analyst and asset manager for an international financial institution, helping manage assets in excess of \$5 billion.

Research Interests

Behavioral Finance/Economics, Market Efficiency, Startup Valuation, Financial Assets Valuations, Investments, Corporate Governance, Entrepreneurship.

Recent Publications

Maura, MJ., Rodriguez Orenge, J., Resto, E., Rodriguez, A., Torres, I. (Forthcoming). Asset and fund redistribution model, a new financial approach for public universities.

Suárez, C., Maura-Sardó, M., Maura-Pérez, J. (Forthcoming). Potencialidades de Comercialización de la producción científica de la Universidad de Puerto Rico. Investigación Unidad de Monitoreo y Análisis de la Investigación Científica en Puerto Rico (UMAIPUR).

Suárez, C., Maura-Sardó, M., Maura-Pérez, J. (2015). Caracterización y potencialidades de la producción científica de la Universidad de Puerto Rico durante el período de 1999 a 2013. Informe de Investigación Unidad de Monitoreo y Análisis de la Investigación Científica en Puerto Rico (UMAIPUR). VII Encuentro Ibérico EDICIC 2015, Madrid, España.

Maura Pérez, MJ. (2015). Impacto económico en Puerto Rico de la legalización del cannabis para usos medicinales y recreacionales. Revista Puertorriqueña de Medicina y Salud Pública. Vol. XLVII. P.45-48.

Pérez, I., Maura Pérez, MJ., Rodríguez-Orenge, JF. (2015). Historia del cannabis medicinal. Revista Puertorriqueña de Medicina y Salud Pública. Vol. XLVII. P.6-9.

Baella, J., Maura, MJ., Romero, H. (2014). Análisis comparativo del gasto gubernamental en contratos de bienes y servicios por sector económico y las partidas por sector en el presupuesto consolidado del gobierno de Puerto Rico. CICIA, PII paper series, UPR-RP.

Romero, H., Maura, MJ., Hernandez, M., (2013). Escenarios proyectados de los mercados de educación pública en Puerto Rico basados en un modelo logístico. Statistics Institute of PR, Conference Proceedings.

Maura, MJ. (2009). Do different types of company related news have an impact over stock return, prices and volume? A short term analysis during the internet bubble. ([www.universia.es biblioteca.universia.net/html.../id/47056674.html](http://www.universia.es/biblioteca.universia.net/html.../id/47056674.html) -)

Synergistic Activities

Professor Maura has been very active in providing financial advice to new entrepreneurs. Some of the recent initiatives have been: San Juan Entrepreneurship Development Workshops, New Farming Model at Utuado PR (UPR-Utuado), Small Business Consulting at CAUCE Project

(Río Piedras), CEPED Project (Carolina, PR), Innovation Initiatives at UPR-Aguadilla, Agricultural Innovative Product Development at UPR-Cayey, and the biodiesel production plant project at UPR Rio Piedras. He is also an advisor for the Science and Technology Trust of PR for the development of the Clinical Trials industry in the Island.

He has been co advisor (in an ad honorem basis) to several thesis (Graduate School of Business Administration, Graduate Economics Program, Honor Students Program), based on his expertise in small business development, finance and financial analysis.