

The name of the scientist who has helped us is Ana Arriola Velasquez.  
Here is the interview that we have had with her:

**Students: Where and when were you born?**

- **Scientist: I was born in El Salvador, a small country in Central America, but I was raised in Bilbao.**

**Students: Did you have problems with your marks when you were a child?**

- **Scientist: When I was a child I had very average marks, I wasn't a brilliant student but I didn't have bad marks. When I got to bachiller was when I started having troubles, specially with mathematics and Basque.**

**Students: How long did your sciences studies take?**

- **Scientist: It took me 5 years to finish my bachelor degree in Marine Science and one year for my Masters Degree in Oceanography. Right now I am a Phd student.**

**Students: Have you already collaborated with other scientists?**

- **Scientist: During my degrees we had a lot of practice in different fields like biology, geology, chemistry and physics and we even got to get into a ship for taking samples and analysed them in the open ocean. Also, during my final degree work and my final master thesis I helped with the treatment of data of some studies of people from my same research group. However I still haven't had the chance of working hand to hand with other scientists outside of my research group.**

**Students: Are there any projects you took part in?**

- **Scientist: I haven't had any chance to be part of a research project yet.**

**Students: What studies have you done?**

- **Scientist:** My studies focus on the environmental radioactivity in marine environments. I study the radiation levels that can be found in Las Canteras beach, a very important beach in the Island of Gran Canaria, and the development of the different methods for studying the radionuclides. Specifically I am working with analysis of alpha emitter (uranium and polonium) and the analysis of gamma emitter radionuclides like radium-226, lead-210 or thorium-232.

**Students: Are you working in any project?**

- **Scientist:** Right now, as mentioned before, I am focusing on my Phd thesis in marine environmental radioactivity but right know we don't have any financed research project in development.