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Summary

I hold a bachelor's degree in chemistry, specialising in industrial chemistry, and a doctorate in chemistry from the Chemical Engineering program at the Complutense University of Madrid (UCM). My professional activity began in industrial companies, where I worked in the R&D Department at Probisa, the Process Department at Técnicas Reunidas, and as an independent consultant. My research and teaching career started at the Chemical Engineering Department at UCM (1996-2004). Since 2004, I have worked in the Department of Chemical and Environmental Technology at Rey Juan Carlos University. I also undertook a postdoctoral stay (1998-1999) with Prof. Jens Nielsen's Group at the Center for Process Biotechnology at DTU in Denmark. Between 2002 and 2004, I served as the Deputy Technical Director of a biodiesel plant, contributing to developing a patented process. In 2023, I was a visiting professor at UFSC in Brazil.

Since 2010, my main research focus has been the development of microalgae-based biorefinery processes aimed at the comprehensive use and transformation of microalgae biomass. This work targets biofuel production, including biodiesel, biokerosene, bio-oil, and biogas, and the extraction and purification of high-value-added bioproducts such as pigments, proteins, and lipids. Additionally, I conduct research in soil bioremediation and the biodegradation of organic contaminants using microorganisms and immobilised enzymes.

I have extensive teaching experience in numerous undergraduate and bachelor's courses and master's and doctoral programs in chemical, environmental, and energy engineering, chemistry, biotechnology, and environmental sciences. Throughout my academic career, I have held several notable positions, including Coordinator for the Environmental Engineering Degree (2010-2014), Overseer of research lines in the Doctoral Program in Industrial Technologies (2014-2020), and Coordinator for the Engineering and Architecture division within the Official Master's School (2020-2024). Since February 2024 to May 2025, I was Vice Dean of Internationalization, Employability, and Relationships with Companies at the Higher School of Experimental Sciences and Technology. In May 2025, I was appointed as Deputy Vice Rector of Scientific and Technological Transfer and Structures.

Personal information

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Education

1997	<i>PhD</i> in Chemistry (Chemical Engineering), Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM), Spain.
1990	BSc in Chemistry (Industrial Chemistry), UCM, Spain.

Academic and Professional Positions

2021-ongoing	Full Professor. Department of Chemical and Environmental Technology, URJC, Spain.
2023	Visiting Professor. Laboratory of Phycology, Department of Botany, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC), Brazil (3 weeks).
2004-2021	Associate Professor. Department of Chemical and Environmental Technology, URJC, Spain.
2003-2004	Associate Professor. Department of Chemical Engineering, UCM, Spain.
2002-2004	Freelance translator (Patents, English-Spanish).
2001-2003	Lecturer. Department of Chemical Engineering, UCM, Spain.
1998-1999	Postdoctoral Researcher. Center for Process Biotechnology, Department of Biotechnology, Technical University of Denmark (DTU) (12 months).
1996-2001	Assistant Lecturer. Department of Chemical Engineering, UCM, Spain.
1994-1996	<i>PhD</i> student. Department of Chemical Engineering, UCM, Spain.
1993	Freelance Engineer.
1992	Process Engineer. Process Department, Técnicas Reunidas S.A., Spain.
1990	Chemist. R&D Department, Productos Bituminosos S.A., Spain.

Academic Appointments and Merits

2025-ongoing	Deputy Vice Rector of Scientific and Technological Transfer and Structures (URJC)
2024-2025	Vice Dean of Internationalisation, Employability and Relationships with Companies (School of Experimental Sciences and Technology, URJC).
2024	Member of the Scientific Committee of the "VI Meeting of Young Researchers of the Spanish Society of Catalysis (SECAT)", 12-14 June 2024, Madrid, Spain.
2020-2024	Coordinator of the Academic Section "Engineering and Architecture" in the International Master's School, URJC
2019	Member of the Scientific Committee of the "2 nd International Meeting on New Strategies in Bioremediation Processes (BioRemid-2019)", 24-25 October 2019, Porto, Portugal.
2018-2019	Elected member of the Faculty Board (School of Experimental Sciences and Technology, URJC)
2017	Member of the Scientific Committee of the "International Meeting on New Strategies in Bioremediation Processes (BioRemid-2017)", 9-10 March 2017, Granada, Spain.

2014-2021	Coordinator of two Research Areas ("Biomass and Bioenergy" and "Production and Storage of Hydrogen") of the Doctorate Program in Industrial Technologies (URJC).
2013-ongoing	Member of the Quality Assurance Commission of the Interuniversity Master in Chemical Engineering (URJC-UAM).
2013-ongoing	Member of the Coordination Commission of the Interuniversity Master in Chemical Engineering (URJC-UAM).
2011-ongoing	Member of the Commission of Final Year Project, Degree of Environmental Engineering, URJC.
2011-2014	Elected member of the Faculty Board (School of Experimental Sciences and Technology, URJC)
2010-2014	Coordinator of the Degree in Environmental Engineering (URJC).
2009-2019	Member of the Doctorate Commission of the URJC.
2008-2013	Coordinator of internships in companies for students of the Degree in Chemical Engineering.
2008	Member of the Organizing Committee of the "XXXII Reunión Ibérica de Adsorción (RIA-2008)", 22-24 September 2008, Móstoles, Spain.
2006-2009	Technical Director of the Laboratory of Spectroscopy, LABTE (URJC).
2005-ongoing	Coordinator of the Chromatography Laboratory (Group of Chemical and Environmental Engineering, URJC).
2005-2010	Coordinator of 4 th year of the Degree in Environmental Sciences (URJC).
2002-2004	Deputy Technical Director of a biodiesel plant (5000 t/y), owned by UCM and IDAE, Alcalá de Henares, Spain.

Research outputs (key figures)

Web of Science: h-Index = 26, citations >2300

Scopus: h-index = 28, citations >2600

Google Scholar: h-index = 33, citations > 3600

Memberships and Societies

From 2014 Society of Chemical Industry (SCI. www.soci.org).

From 2010 Spanish Society of Microbiology (SEM. www.semicrobiologia.org).

From 2008 Spanish Society of Catalysis (SECAT. www.secat.es).

From 2005 European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB. www.efbiotechnology.org).

Research Grants

Principal Investigator

2025-2026 Hydrothermal liquefaction of sewage sludge. Advanced Water and Energy Solutions S.L.U., (70 k€).

2025	Circular endocrine disruptors wastewater treatment using microalgae for bioenergy and biofertilizers. Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (2024/SOLCON-137532), (16 k€).
2022-2024	Management and supervision of a laboratory technician fellowship. Comunidad de Madrid (PEJ-2021-TL/AMB-22945), (38 k€).
2022-2023	Management and supervision of a research fellowship. Comunidad de Madrid (2022/00193/039), (34 k€).
2022-2024	Advances in hydrothermal liquefaction of wastes. National Research Agency (TED2021-129747B-C21), (174 k€).
2021-2024	Innovative biorefinery from microalgae to bioproducts and biojet fuel. National Research Agency (PID2020-116780RB-I00), (111 k€).
2020	GRAS extraction of carotenoids from <i>Dunaliella salina</i> . Monzón Biotech S.L.
2019	Bacteriostatic performance of biocides in diesel fuel. Repsol S.A., (10 k€).
2019-2022	Development of advanced microalgae technologies for a circular economy. Comunidad de Madrid (P2018/BAA-4532), (749 k€).
2019-2021	Management and supervision of a laboratory technician fellowship. Comunidad de Madrid (PEJ-2018-AI/AMB-10263), (38 k€).
2019-2020	Management and supervision of a research fellowship. Comunidad de Madrid (PEJD-2018-PRE/AMB-9557), (25 k€).
2017-2019	Management and supervision of a postdoctoral fellowship. Comunidad de Madrid (PEJD-2016/AMB-3249), (35 k€).
2016-2018	Biodegradable electronics. Austrian Research Promotion Agency (# 851254), (48 k€).
2010-2012	Microbial growth in fuel tanks. Repsol S.A., (59 k€).
2006-2009	Green diesel through hydrogenation of biomass. Repsol S.A., (116 k€).
2008-2011	Bioremediation of soils polluted by polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons: Identification of microorganisms and enzymes involved in the degradation processes. Fundación Alfonso Martín Escudero, (86 k€).
2003-2004	Design of the purification of immunological veterinary products. Laboratorios SYVA S.A., (43 k€).
2000-2001	Chromatographic purification of the plant growth hormone, 3-indoleacetic acid. Universidad Complutense de Madrid (PR52/00-8837), (6 k€).

Researcher

2024-2025	Treatment of pig slurry using anoxygenic and oxygenic photosynthetic technologies to recover carbon and essential nutrients (19,5 k€).
2022-2024	Chair on circular economy for the sustainable management of wastes. Fuenlabrada City Council - URJC (2022/00042/001) (30 k€).
2020-2023	Ibero-American network for wastewater treatment with microalgae. CYTED (320RT0005).
2018-2020	Design of mesoporous silica nanoparticles for drug-controlled release. Spanish Government, National Research Plan (CTQ2017-88642-R) (93 k€).
2018	Microbial biodiversity in soil fertility additives for agriculture. Gaiambiente Environmental Consulting (2 k€).

2015-2017	Research in energy and environmental technology. Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (530 k€).
2015-2018	Silica nanoparticles with hierarchical porosity. Functional devices for drug-controlled release. Spanish Government, National Research Plan (CTQ2014-57858-R) (196 k€).
2014-2018	Industrial applications of Spirulina. Comunidad de Madrid (S2013/ABI-2783) (95 k€).
2013-2014	Enzymatic process for biodiesel from microalgae. Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (PRIN13 CC05) (4 k€).
2012-2014	Oxygenated biofuels from lignocellulosic biomass. Spanish Government, National Research Plan (CTQ2011-28216-C02-01) (173 k€).
2012-2013	Sustainable synthesis of biofuels from lignocellulosic biomass. Fundación Iberdrola (20 k€).
2010-2014	Green biofuels from wastes. Comunidad de Madrid (S2009/ENE-1743) (150 k€).
2009-2011	Intensification of biodiesel process. Spanish Government, National Research Plan (CTQ2008-01396) (164 k€).
2008-2011	Fungal genomics for biodiesel. Región de Murcia (BIO-BMC 07/01-0005) (147 k€).
2005-2008	Alternative catalytic processes for pharmaceutical and food intermediates. Spanish Government, National Research Plan (CTQ2005-02375/PPQ) (148 k€).
2005-2006	<i>In-situ</i> bioremediation of soils polluted with PAH. Spanish Government, National Research Plan (013/2006/2-1.1; 1.1-373/2005/3-B) (119 k€).
2005-2006	Cracks in polyethylene pipes. Repsol S.A. (32 k€).
2003-2004	Biotechnological production of bulk chemicals. European Union, V Framework Program (G5MA-CT-2002-00014) (452 k€).
2002-2004	Green technologies for biosurfactants production. Spanish Government, National Research Plan (PPQ2002-03466) (86 k€).
2002-2004	New raw materials for biodiesel production. Spanish Government, National Research Plan (PPQ2002-03468) (81 k€).
2002-2003	New surfactants from glycerol. Universidad Complutense de Madrid (PR78/02-10978) (5 k€).
2002	Biodiesel production from frying oils. Comunidad de Madrid (07M/0049/2001) (47 k€).
2001-2002	Development of a biodiesel pilot plant. Spanish Government, National Research Plan (PPQ 2000-2902-E) (67 k€).
2001-2003	Demonstration plant for biodiesel production. Spanish Government, Profit Program (FIT-120301-2001-2) (499 k€).
2000-2002	Triglycerides for animal feeding. Nutreco Servicios S.A. (45 k€).
2000-2002	Green technologies for fine chemicals. Spanish Government, National Research Plan (AMB 99-0417) (85 k€).
1999-2001	Inorganic membranes for separation processes. Universidad Complutense de Madrid (PR269/98-8198) (33 k€).
1999-2001	Purification and transformation of frying oils. Comunidad de Madrid (07/M/0045/1998) (71 k€).

- 1996-1997 Design and simulation of industrial bioprocesses. European Union, Alfa Program (ALR/B7 3-0229.7) (5 k€).
- 1994-1997 Design of biochemical processes. Comunidad de Madrid (AE 265/94) (11 k€).
- 1994-1997 Design and simulation of integrated biochemical processes. Spanish Government, National Research Plan (BIO 94-1508-CE) (24 k€).
- 1994-1997 Design and simulation of integrated biochemical processes. European Union, III Framework Program (BRE2-CT94-0623) (670 k€).
- 1994 Synthesis of β -hydroxy- α -aminoesters. Universidad Complutense de Madrid (PR179/91-3473) (48 k€).

Publications

Peer-reviewed research papers

- 74 Blanco-Cejas J, Fernández-Ruiz I, Hernández B, Gutiérrez-Sánchez P, Montaña M, García B, Bautista LF, Moreno J, Iglesias J. (2025) Sorbitol dehydration in 1,4-dioxane: study of reaction conditions and kinetic analysis including mass transfer control. *Catalysis Today*, 459:115396. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cattod.2025.115396>
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- 69 Espada JJ, Rodríguez R, Delgado A, Vicente G, Bautista LF (2024) Assessing environmental sustainability of phytoremediation to remove copper from contaminated soils. *Sustainability*, 16(6):2441. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su16062441>
- 68 Álvarez-Pozo AH, Parma-García MI, Ortiz-Marcos I, Bautista LF, Atanes-Sánchez E (2024) Analysis of causes of delays and cost overruns and mitigation measures to improve profitability and sustainability in turnkey industrial projects. *Sustainability*, 16(4): 1449. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su16041449>
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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wroa.2023.100208>
- 65 Águila-Carricondo P, de la Roche Cadavid JP, Galán PL, Bautista LF, Vicente G (2023) New green biorefineries from cyanobacterial-microalgal consortia: Production of chlorophyll-rich extracts for the cosmetic industry and sustainable biogas. *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 429, 139652
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2023.139652>
- 64 Fedeila M, Hachaichi-Sadouk Z, Bautista LF, Simarro R (2023) Biodegradation of clopidogrel bisulfate by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Pseudomonas putida* strains isolated from Algerian wastewater. *Journal of Contaminant Hydrology*, 256:104198.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jconhyd.2023.104198>
- 63 Sánchez-Laso J, Espada JJ, Rodríguez R, Vicente G, Bautista LF (2023) Novel biorefinery approach for phycocyanin extraction and purification and biocrude production from *Arthrospira platensis*. *Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research*, 62(12):5190-5198.
<https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.iecr.2c03683>
- 62 Espada JJ, Rodríguez R, Gari V, Salcedo-Abraira P, Bautista LF (2022) Coupling phytoremediation of Pb-contaminated soil and biomass energy production: A comparative life cycle assessment. *Science of the Total Environment*, 840:156675.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2022.156675>
- 61 Sánchez-Laso J, Piera A, Vicente G, Bautista LF, Rodríguez R, Espada JJ (2021) A successful method for phycocyanin extraction from *Arthrospira platensis* using [Emim][EtSO₄] ionic liquid. *Biofuels, Bioproducts & Biorefining*, 15:1638-1649.
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<https://doi.org/10.21926/aeer.2104027>
- 59 Sánchez-Bayo A, Megía-Hervás I, Rodríguez R, Morales V, Bautista LF, Vicente G (2021). Biocrude from *Nannochloropsis gaditana* by hydrothermal liquefaction: an experimental design approach. *Applied Sciences*, 11(10):4337.
<https://doi.org/10.3390/app11104337>
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- 57 Megía-Hervás I, Sánchez-Bayo A, Bautista LF, Morales V, Witt-Sousa FG, Segura-Fornieles M, Vicente G (2020). Scale-up cultivation of *Phaeodactylum tricornutum* to produce biocrude by hydrothermal liquefaction. *Processes*, 8(9):1072.
<https://doi.org/10.3390/pr8091072>
- 56 Sánchez-Bayo A, Morales V, Rodríguez R, Vicente G, Bautista LF (2020). Cultivation of microalgae and cyanobacteria: Effect of operating conditions on growth and biomass composition. *Molecules*, 25:2834.
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<https://doi.org/10.3390/app10103391>
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- 52 Mendoza A, Morales V, Sánchez-Bayo A, Rodríguez-Escudero R, González-Fernández C, Bautista LF, Vicente G. (2020) The effect of the lipid extraction method used in biodiesel production on the integrated recovery of biodiesel and biogas from *Nannochloropsis gaditana*, *Isochrysis galbana* and *Arthrospira platensis*. *Biochemical Engineering Journal*, 154:107428.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.BEJ.2019.107428>
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- 50 Vargas C, Simarro R, Reina JA, Bautista LF, Molina MC, González N (2019) New approach for biological synthesis of reduced graphene oxide. *Biochemical Engineering Journal*, 151:107331.
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- 32 Estudio y optimización de factores abióticos y descripción de poblaciones microbianas implicadas en procesos de biorremediación de suelos contaminados por hidrocarburos aromáticos policíclicos. XXII Congreso de la Sociedad Española de Microbiología. 21-24 September 2009, Almería, Spain. (Oral Keynote).
- 31 Biodiesel production over sulfonic acid-modified mesoporous silica catalysts. 6th World Congress on Catalysis by Acids and Bases (ABC-6). 10-14 May 2009, Geneve, Italy. (Oral Keynote).
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- 27 Effect of different non-ionic surfactants on the biodegradation of PAH by diverse bacteria isolated from hydrocarbon polluted soils. 14th International Biodeterioration and Biodegradation Symposium (IBBS-14). 6-10 October 2008, Messina, Italy. (Oral).
- 26 Inmovilización de laccasa sobre materiales mesoestructurados. Evaluación de la actividad enzimática en la oxidación de fenol y degradación de naftaleno. XXI Simposio Iberoamericano de Catálisis (SICAT 2008). 22-27 June 2008, Benalmádena, Spain. (Poster).
- 25 Producción de biodiésel a partir de biomasa del hongo *Mucor circinelloides* sin extracción previa de lípidos. VI Reunión del Grupo de Microbiología Industrial y Biotecnología Microbiana de la SEM (CMIBM2008). 12-14 November 2008, Barcelona, Spain. (Oral).
- 24 Adsorption of indole-3-acetic acid derivatives by hydrophobic interaction chromatography. 7th World Congress of Chemical Engineering. 10-14 July 2005, Glasgow, UK. (Poster).
- 23 Estudio de la purificación por adsorción del ácido 6-aminopenicilánico. Congreso Nacional de Biotecnología (Biotech'2004). 19-23 July 2004, Oviedo, Spain. (Poster).
- 22 Purification process of 6-aminopenicillanic acid and phenylacetic acid by simultaneous adsorption in a fixed bed. Fundamentals of Adsorption (FOA 8). 23-28 May 2004, Sedona, USA. (Poster).
- 21 Biodiesel: current trends and technical developments in Spain. 25th World Congress of the International Society for Fat Research. 12-15 October 2003, Bordeaux, France. (Oral).
- 20 Adsorption of phenol and cresols on a polymeric hydrophobic resin. IV Congress on Added Value and Recycling of Industrial Waste. 24-27 June 2003, L'Aquila, Italy. (Poster).
- 19 Integrated process for Biodiesel production using different raw materials. 9th Mediterranean Congress of Chemical Engineering. 26-29 November 2002, Barcelona, Spain. (Poster).

- 18 Removal of phenolic compounds in aqueous solution. Thermodynamic and kinetic study of the monocomponent adsorption. 9th Mediterranean Congress of Chemical Engineering. 26-29 November 2002, Barcelona, Spain. (Poster).
- 17 Estimation of design parameters for the separation of 6-aminopenicillanic acid and phenylacetic acid by hydrophobic adsorption. International Congress on the Process Industries. 18-20 March 2002, Mexico City, Mexico. (Poster).
- 16 Kinetic modeling of the adsorption of aspartame on functionalised XAD-2 resins in batch stirred tank. 5th International Symposium on Biocatalysis and Biotransformation (BioTrans 2001). 2-7 September 2001, Darmstadt, Germany. (Poster).
- 15 Modeling of the adsorption kinetics of aspartame in a fixed bed using functionalized resins. 6th World Congress of Chemical Engineering. 18-21 September 2001, Melbourne, Australia. (Oral).
- 14 Purification of indole-3-acetic acid from *Rhizobium sp.* by adsorption on a hydrophobic resin. 3rd European Symposium on Biochemical Engineering Science (ESBES-3). 10-13 September 2000, Copenhagen, Denmark. (Poster).
- 13 Use of anion exchangers for the separation and purification of two isoenzymes of glucoamylase from *Aspergillus niger*. Ion Exchange at the Millenium (IEX2000). 16-21 July 2000, Cambridge, UK. (Oral).
- 12 Valorisation of vegetable oils. Product development using chemical and biochemical processes. Biotechnology and Industrial Utilisation of Vegetable Oils. 20-21 June 2000, Bonn, Germany. (Poster).
- 11 Study of the immobilization of glucoamylase I from *Aspergillus niger* on the anion exchanger DEAE-Toyopearl 650 and its use as biocatalyst. 8th Mediterranean Congress of Chemical Engineering. 10-12 November 1999, Barcelona, Spain. (Poster).
- 10 Partial derepression of heterologous α -amylase gene in a strain of *Aspergillus nidulans* expressing antisense *creA* RNA. Danish Biotechnology Conference V. 20-21 May 1999, Vejle, Denmark. (Poster).
- 9 Transcription of antisense *creA* RNA in *Aspergillus nidulans* causes partial derepression of *creA*-controlled genes. 20th Fungal Genetics Conference. 23-28 March 1999, Pacific Grove, USA. (Poster).
- 8 Adsorption isotherms of the *Aspergillus niger* glucoamylases I and II on the anion-exchanger DEAE-Toyopearl 650. 4th International Conference on Separations for Biotechnology. 29-31 March 1999, Reading, UK. (Oral).
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- 6 Phenomenological modelling of chromatographic processes in biotechnology. International Symposium on Preparative and Industrial Chromatography and Allied Techniques (SPICA 98). 23-25 September 1998, Strasbourg, France. (Oral).
- 5 Kinetics of ion-exchange adsorption of α -amylase. Fundamentals of Adsorption (FOA6). 24-28 May 1998, Presqu'île de Giens, France. (Oral).
- 4 Determination of design parameters for the adsorption of α -amylase in a fixed-bed. 7th Mediterranean Congress of Chemical Engineering. 22-24 October 1996, Barcelona, Spain. (Poster).

- 3 Process synthesis, design, and simulation of integrated biochemical processes. 5th World Congress of Chemical Engineering. 14-18 July 1996, San Diego, USA. (Poster).
- 2 Modelling of hydrophobic and ion-exchange adsorption of α -amylase. 5th World Congress of Chemical Engineering. 14-18 July 1996, San Diego, USA. (Poster).
- 1 Optimización de la síntesis de análogos de ésteres naturales utilizando catalizadores ácidos. Reunión Anual del Grupo Especializado de Catálisis (RAGEC'91). 1-5 July 1991, Bilbao, Spain. (Oral).

Mentoring and supervision

PhD Students

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| 2021-2025 | Noelia García-Vázquez. <i>PhD</i> project on "Removal of endocrine disruptors in wastewater using microalgae-based processes with a biorefinery approach". URJC (24 June 2025). Qualification: <i>Summa cum Laude</i> (Industrial Mention). |
| 2021-2025 | Alejandro Piera-Ruiz. <i>PhD</i> Thesis on "Microalgae biorefinery: Production of high-purity phycoerythrin for the development of a circular economy". URJC (17 June 2025). Qualification: <i>Summa cum Laude</i> . |
| 2020-ongoing | Antonio Héctor Álvarez-Pozo. <i>PhD</i> project on "Good practices to avoid delays and cost overruns in industrial projects". Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM). |
| 2019-2023 | Jennifer Sánchez-Laso. <i>PhD</i> Thesis "Towards a circular economy: Development of a microalgae biorefinery for the sustainable extraction of phycocyanin and the energy recovery of residual biomass,". URJC (12 July 2023). Qualification: <i>Summa cum Laude</i> . |
| 2016-2019 | Alejandra Sánchez-Bayo-Álvarez. <i>PhD</i> Thesis "Microalgal biorefinery for biofuel production". URJC (29 April 2019). Qualification: <i>Summa cum Laude</i> (International Mention). Award "Best <i>PhD</i> Thesis on Engineering 2019", URJC. Award "Best <i>PhD</i> Thesis 2020", Smart Energy International Excellence Campus URJC-UAH. |
| 2016-2019 | Mourad Fedeila. <i>PhD</i> Thesis "Study of the biodegradation of organic pollutants in domestic and/or industrial wastewaters". University of Science and Technology-Houari Boumediene, Algeria (19 March 2019). Qualification: <i>Summa cum Laude</i> . |
| 2013-2017 | Álvaro Mendoza-Sevilla. <i>PhD</i> Thesis "Study of a biorefinery from oleaginous microorganisms". URJC (30 June 2017). Qualification: <i>Summa cum Laude</i> (European Mention). |
| 2011 | Nicklas Bengtsson. <i>PhD</i> Thesis "Photocatalytic contaminant abatement by TiO ₂ enriched construction materials: from a parametric study to an attempt to predict the photocatalytic activity". URJC (22 July 2011). Qualification: <i>Summa cum Laude</i> . (Academic Tutor). |
| 2008-2013 | Rebeca Sánchez-Vázquez. <i>PhD</i> Thesis "Design of heterogeneous acid catalysts for the production of second-generation biodiesel". URJC (6 May 2013). Qualification: <i>Summa cum Laude</i> (European Mention). |
| 2000-2004 | Juan Francisco Escobedo Robles. <i>PhD</i> Thesis "Purification and immobilization of glucoamylase of <i>Aspergillus niger</i> and its use as bioreactor". UCM (26 November 2004). Qualification: <i>Summa cum Laude</i> . |

Researchers

2022-2025	Carlos Sainz-Urruela (Postdoctoral). Research on microalgae biorefinery processes and hydrothermal liquefaction of organic wastes.
2023-2024	Jennifer Sánchez-Laso (Postdoctoral). Research hydrothermal liquefaction of organic wastes.
2019-2020	Pilar Águila-Carricondo (Postgraduate). Research on synthesis of enzyme-based biocatalysts.
2017-2020	Miriam Montero-Hidalgo (Postgraduate). Research on hydrothermal liquefaction of microalgal biomass.
2006-2010	Antonio Alcázar-Martínez (Postgraduate). Research on green diesel synthesis from vegetable oils and animal fats.
2005-2008	Raquel Sanz-Ortega (Postgraduate). Research on biodegradation of PAH using bacteria and enzymes.

Technicians and Administrative Staff

2022-2024	Patricia Laguna-Pariente (Laboratory Technician).
2022-2023	Marlén Navarro-Boulandier (Project Manager)
2019-2022	Raquel Simarro-Doblado (Project Manager)
2019-2021	Jorge William Parra-Tauriz (Laboratory Technician).

Master Students

2009-ongoing	11 Master Thesis supervised, corresponding to Master's in Chemical Engineering, Master's in Energy Technologies and Resources and Master's in Chemical and Environmental Process Engineering.
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Undergraduate Students

1998-ongoing	69 Final Year Projects supervised, corresponding to Degrees in Chemical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Energy Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Environmental Sciences, and Biology.
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Teaching

Teaching at UCM (1996-2004) and URJC (2004-continue) at Undergraduate, Master, and Doctorate levels.

Undergraduate (Bachelor's)

2020-ongoing	Applied informatics (Degree in Environmental Engineering, URJC).
2012-ongoing	Remediation technologies in polluted soils (Degree in Environmental Engineering, URJC).
2012-ongoing	Transport of pollutants: modelling and associated environmental risks (Degree in Environmental Engineering, URJC).
2011-ongoing	Food biotechnology (Degree in Food Science and Technology, URJC).
2010-2014	Chemical engineering (Degree in Energy Engineering, URJC).
2004-2012	Management and conservation of soils and waters (Degree in Environmental Sciences, URJC).
2004-2009	Air pollution (Degree in Environmental Sciences, URJC).
2004-2017	Separation processes (Degree in Chemical Engineering, URJC).

2001-2004	Chemical engineering (Degree in Chemistry, UCM).
2000-2003	Process control (Degree in Chemical Engineering, UCM).
1999-2002	Applied chemical thermodynamics (Degree in Chemical Engineering, UCM).
1999-2004	Control & instrumentation of biological processes (Degree in Chemical Engineering, UCM).
1998-2004	Experimental design (Degree in Chemical Engineering, UCM).
1997-2004	Introduction to research (Degree in Chemical Engineering, UCM).
1997-2004	Research project (Degree in Chemical Engineering, UCM).
1997-2002	Chemical reactors (Degree in Chemical Engineering, UCM).
1997-1998	Control & instrumentation (Degree in Chemistry, UCM).
1996-2001	Chemical kinetics engineering (Degree in Chemical Engineering, UCM).
1996-1997	Chemical reactor engineering (Degree in Chemistry, UCM).

Master

2013-ongoing	Industrial and environmental biotechnology (Master's in Chemical Engineering, URJC).
2009-2012	Environmental biotechnology (Master's in Chemical and Environmental Engineering, URJC)
2009-2010	Pollution treatment by biological processes (Master's in Environmental Science and Technology, URJC).
2006-2010	Fossil fuels: reservoirs, prospection, and extraction (Master's in Energy Technology and Resources, URJC)

Doctoral

2014-ongoing	Advanced experimental design (Doctoral program in Industrial Technologies: Chemical, Environmental, Energy, Electronic, Mechanic and Materials, URJC).
2006-2008	Catalysis for energy and environment (Doctoral program in Chemical, Environmental and Materials Engineering, URJC)
2000-2004	Methodology and development of fine chemicals (Doctoral program in Chemical Engineering, UCM).