

# CLAUDIA BENITO ALSTON

## PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT

Major: *Biomedical Engineering, Ph.D.*

Home Country: *Spain & United States*

### *Why did you choose Purdue?*

I chose Purdue because of the resources that it provides, the cross-departmental collaborations it promotes, its entrepreneurship opportunities and because close friends told me how much they enjoyed attending Purdue.

### *Please briefly describe your research:*

My research consists of methods to increase bioavailability of drugs to cells.

### *How did you decide what to study?*

I decided to pursue biomedical engineering for a similar reason as many other people, I appreciate the crossover of engineering and medicine. I want to contribute to society in a way that is meaningful to me and that is through research that contributes to the medical field.

### *What was your process for selecting a graduate school?*

I weighed schools based on if I'd have funding for my full time there, if it would propel me in my efforts to pursue an academic career, if it would have good resources and if the Principle Investigator I'd be working for would be someone I would enjoy working for during the extent of my PhD studies.



### *How did you decide where to live?*

I chose a place with roommates that seemed nice, a price that wouldn't consume too much of my income and somewhere with a yard, for my dog.

### *What's one thing prospective students from your home country should know about Purdue?*

You need a car for most necessities. Grocery shopping, going anywhere outside of campus, and going to graduate student's homes since most live off campus.

### *What is your favorite fact about Purdue?*

That Purdue is home to 23 NASA astronauts. I loved jumping on the re-creation of the first footsteps that were on the moon.

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## PURDUE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

### COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural and Biological Engineering  
Agricultural Economics  
Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication  
Agronomy  
Animal Sciences  
Biochemistry  
Botany and Plant Pathology  
Entomology  
Food Science  
Forestry and Natural Resources  
Horticulture

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction  
Educational Studies

### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Aeronautics and Astronautics  
Biomedical Engineering  
Chemical Engineering  
Civil Engineering  
Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Engineering Education  
Engineering Management  
Environmental and Ecological Engineering  
Industrial Engineering  
Interdisciplinary Engineering  
Materials Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering  
Nuclear Engineering

### INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS

Defense Engineering and Technology  
Biomedical Sciences  
Ecological Sciences and Engineering  
Information Security  
Life Science

### COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Consumer Science  
Health and Kinesiology  
Health Sciences  
Hospitality and Tourism Management  
Human Development and Family Studies  
Nursing  
Nutrition  
Psychological Sciences  
Public Health  
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

American Studies  
Anthropology  
Art  
Communication  
Comparative Literature  
Design  
English  
History  
Languages and Cultures  
Linguistics  
Philosophy  
Political Sciences  
Sociology  
Theatre

### KRANNERT SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Business Analytics and Information Management  
Economics  
Finance  
Global Supply Chain Management  
Management  
Marketing  
Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management

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Industrial and Physical Pharmacy  
Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology  
Pharmacy Practice

### PURDUE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

Aviation Technology and Management  
Computer and Information Technology  
Computer Graphics Technology  
Construction Management Technology  
Engineering Technology  
Technology  
Technology, Leadership, and Innovation

### COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Biological Sciences  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences  
Mathematics  
Physics  
Statistics

### COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Basic Medical Sciences  
Comparative Pathobiology  
Veterinary Clinical Sciences

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