

# ISAIAH MENSAH

## PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT

Major: *Biochemistry, Ph.D.*

Home Country: *Ghana*

### *Why did you choose Purdue?*

My main reason for choosing Purdue is the diversity of research areas in the Department of Biochemistry and available state-of-the-art

### *Please briefly describe your research:*

My research focuses on the mechanism of a zinc finger transcription factor on epigenetic regulation of genes and its role in the early stages of cardiomyocyte generation from mouse embryonic stem cells.

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

I chose biochemistry precisely because I have always been passionate about understanding the molecular processes that control life.

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

I was concerned about the caliber of research conducted, the available resources, world ranking, availability of funds, and past students' success.

### *Where do you spend most of your time on campus?*

I spend most of my time researching in my lab in the biochemistry building.



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

There is a rich community of Ghanaians at Purdue, but also in Lafayette and West Lafayette. There is also a Ghanaian association that prospective students can join.

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

The main factor was the cost. I also wanted to be close to campus and needed my apartment to be on a bus route.

### *What are you hoping to do after your life at Purdue?*

I plan to pursue a post-doctorate after graduation to gain more independent research experience.

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

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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  
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Biomedical Sciences  
Ecological Sciences and Engineering  
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Anthropology  
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Marketing  
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Computer Graphics Technology  
Construction Management Technology  
Engineering Technology  
Technology  
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Chemistry  
Computer Science  
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences  
Mathematics  
Physics  
Statistics

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