

# Shritama Mukherjee

Ph.D. in Polymer Science & Technology

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## Experience

- Sept, 2021 - **Postdoctoral Fellow** [Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi](#)  
New Delhi, India
- 2012 - 2016 **Senior Research Fellow, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, Govt. of India** [Calcutta University, West Bengal, India](#)  
Part of PhD program
- 2009 - 2010 **Project Trainee** [Bose Institute, Kolkata](#)  
Part of MTech program.
- 2007 **Summer Project Trainee** [NICED, Kolkata](#)  
The study of Reorganization of Cytoskeleton in response to E. coli heat stable enterotoxin (STa) in Rat epithelial cells
- 2006 **Project Trainee** [Mother Dairy, West Bengal](#)  
Different techniques involve in Quality control lab of a dairy factory

## Education

- 2012 - 2017 **PhD (Tech) Polymer Science & Technology** [University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India](#)  
Biodegradation of Polyethylene.  
Keywords: Oxidation, Biodegradation, Surfactant, Enzyme assay, Microbiology  
*Title of the Thesis: Microbial Biodegradation of Polyethylene*  
*Supervisors: Prof. Patit P Kundu, Calcutta University, India.*  
*Prof. Uttam Roy Chaudhuri, Calcutta University, India*
- 2008 - 2010 **Master of Technology in Biotechnology** [West Bengal University of Technology, India](#)  
Main subject: Biotechnology.  
*Title of the Thesis: Production of alcohol from potato starch by genetically modified Saccharomyces cerevisiae.*  
*Supervisors: Prof. Pratima Sinha, Bose Institute, India*  
*Prof. Nandan Bhattacharyya, Haldia Institute of Technology, India*
- 2004 - 2008 **Bachelor of Technology in Biotechnology** [West Bengal University of Technology, Kolkata, India](#)  
Main subjects: Biotechnology.  
*Project 1: The study of Reorganization of Cytoskeleton in response to E. coli heat stable enterotoxin (STa) in Rat epithelial cells.*  
*Project 2: Different techniques involve in Quality control lab of a dairy factory*  
*Supervisor: Dr. Manoj Kr Chakrabarti, NICED, India*

## Computational

MacOS ★★★★★  
Windows ★★★★★  
MS Office ★★★★★  
Origin 8 ★★★★★

## Instruments

FTIR-ATR  
ThermoCycler®  
XRD  
SEM  
AFM  
Tensile tester  
Compression  
moulding  
Fluorescence  
Microscope  
Microscope  
Gel Electrophoresis

## Personal Skills



## Interests

History  
Reading  
Photography  
Travel  
Hiking

## Languages

English ★★★★★  
Hindi ★★★★★  
Bengali ★★★★★  
Swedish ★★★★★

## Publications

- 2018 **Nandy A, Jana S, Khamrai M, Kumar V, Mukherjee S, Bhattacharyya A, Kundu PP** IF: 1.302; Citations: 5  
**Cloning and expression of  $\alpha$ -amylase in E. coli: genesis of a superior biocatalyst for substrate-specific MFC.**  
*Int J Green Energy*, 16(4), 309-316.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15435075.2019.1566135>
- 2017 **Mukherjee S, Roy Chaudhuri U, Kundu PP** IF: 2.750; Citations: 6  
**Bio-degradation of polyethylene via complete solubilization by the action of Pseudomonas fluorescens, biosurfactant produced by Bacillus licheniformis and anionic surfactant.**  
*J Chem Technol Biotechnol*, 93:1300-1311.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/jctb.5489>
- 2017 **Mukherjee S, Roy Chaudhuri U, Kundu PP** IF: 4.074; Citations: 6  
**Anionic surfactant induced oxidation of low-density polyethylene followed by its microbial degradation.**  
*Int Biodeterior Biodegradation*, 117:255-268.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ibiod.2017.01.013>
- 2016 **Mukherjee S, Roy Chaudhuri U, Kundu PP** IF: 3.119 ; Citations: 19  
**Bio-degradation of polyethylene waste by simultaneous use of two bacteria: Bacillus licheniformis for production of bio-surfactant and Lysinibacillus fusiformis for biodegradation.**  
*RSC Advances*; 6:2982-2992.  
<https://doi.org/10.1039/c5ra25128a>
- 2015 **Mukherjee S, Roy Chaudhuri U, Kundu PP** IF: 3.119; Citations: 3  
**Biotic oxidation of polyethylene using a bio-surfactant produced by B. licheniformis: a novel technique.**  
*RSC Advances*; 75089-75097.  
<https://doi.org/10.1039/c5ra13549d>
- 2014 **Mukherjee S, Roy Chaudhuri U, Kundu PP** IF: 2.520; Citations: 10  
**Alkaline fungal degradation of oxidized polyethylene in black liquor: Studies on the effect of Lignin peroxidases and Manganese peroxidases.**  
*J. Appl. Polym. Sci.*; 131(17), 40738.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/app.40738>
- 2014 **Pramanik N, Mukherjee K, Nandy A, Mukherjee S, Kundu PP** IF: 2.520; Citations: 11  
**Comparative analysis of different properties of polyhydroxyalkanoates isolated from two different bacterial strains: Alkaliphilus oremlandii OHLAs and recombinant Escherichia coli XL1B.**  
*J Appl Polym Sci*, 131, 41080.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/app.41080>



## Technical Skills

### Microbiology

- Liquid and solid cultures of bacteria and fungus (wood decay fungus, yeast), isolation, purification, transformation
- Isolation of two enzymes from wood decay fungi and further enzyme assay
- **Microscopy:** confocal, fluorescence and light microscopy
- Mix culture fermentation and distillation of alcohol
- Characterization of intracellular and extracellular microbial metabolites
- Wastewater treatment by white rod fungus
- Bio-surfactant production

### Molecular Biology

- **Vector design:** primers design, digestions, ligations, cloning.
- **Cloning:** Genomic DNA isolation and purification, PCR, treatment with restriction enzymes, PCR product purification, ligations, transformation, DNA gel analysis, DNA sequencing.
- Cell-free enzymatic reaction

### Biochemistry

- SDS PAGE
- Thin layer chromatography
- HPLC
- enzymatic assay

### Polymer Chemistry

- **Polymer Characterization:** FTIR, XRD, SEM, AFM, tensile tester, GC-MS, HPLC, freeze dryer
- Surface tension measurements and handling of surfactant.
- **Separation:** Separation of lignin from black liquor and subsequent drying. Precipitation of bio-surfactant from bacterial culture by acid precipitation method.
- Natural and thermal aging of polyethylene with or without anionic surfactant.
- **Degradation:** Polyethylene and lignin.
- Starch polymer composite.
- Textile dye adsorption.

### Analytical Chemistry

- Titrations, spectrophotometry, chromatography (thin layer, ion exchange, HPLC), sound practical and theoretical knowledge and interpretations of most analysis techniques (NMR, MS, etc.).

## Research Interests

Biomaterial synthesis  
Renewable polymer  
Environmental  
Microbiology  
Waste management  
Bioremediation

## Poster Presentation

2014

**October 27th to 30th**

[IIT Delhi, New Delhi, India](#)

International Conference on Polymeric Biomaterials, Bioengineering and Bio diagnostics

## Conference attended

2012

**Frontiers in modern biology (FIMB 2012)**

[Indian Institute of Science Education](#)

[and Research Kolkata, India](#)

2014

**International conference RAPT**

[University of Calcutta, Kolkata](#)

## Referees

- Referee 1**    **Prof. P P Kundu,**  
**Professor**  
**Department of Chemical Engineering**  
**Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, India**  
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- Referee 2**    **Prof. Uttam Raychoudhuri,**  
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- Referee 3**    **Prof. Abhijit Bandyopadhyay,**  
**Professor**  
**Department of Polymer Science & Technology,**  
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