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## Education

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### University of Delaware

*Ph.D. Candidate in Chemical Engineering (expected 2018)*

Advised by Prof. C.J. Roberts

GPA: 3.91/4.00

### Universidad Industrial de Santander, UIS (Bucaramanga, Colombia)

*Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical Engineering (2012)*

Graduated with Highest Distinction: *Cum Laude*

Advised by Prof. L.J. López-Giraldo, Prof. E. Stashenko and Prof. J.R. Martínez

Thesis: *"Developing new semi-empirical models for solubility of polyphenols in ternary solutions with supercritical carbon dioxide and ethanol"*

GPA: 4.43/5.00

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## Research & professional experience

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### Dept. of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, University of Delaware (2013 – present)

#### *Graduate Research Assistant*

- Created a computational framework to simulate and predict protein second osmotic virial coefficients ( $B_{22}$ ) and protein-protein Kirkwood-Buff integrals ( $G_{22}$ ) for highly concentrated monoclonal antibody (mAb) and other protein solutions.
- Developed novel approaches to measure protein-cosolute and protein-solvent interactions in liquid solutions via density measurements for dilute protein solutions.
- Tuned coarse-grained molecular models to accurately model unfolding and self-association behavior of peptides and scFv molecules.
- Studied non-native and native aggregation of peptides and proteins using continuous light scattering monitoring and size exclusion chromatography.
- Evaluated long-term monoclonal antibody non-native aggregation as a function of solution formulation at pharmaceutically relevant conditions.

### CENIVAM (Bucaramanga, Colombia) (2012-2013)

#### *Research and Production Engineer*

- Developed stable formulations for essential oils-based products.
- Extracted metabolites and antioxidants from natural raw materials using supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Produced essential oils-based products under *Chicamocha Magic®* brand.
- Extracted essential oils using *water-vapor* and *microwave induced* extraction.
- Studied the viability and development of tick repellent formulations based on organic waste.

### Dept. of Chemical Engineering, UIS (Bucaramanga, Colombia) (2010-2012)

#### *Undergraduate Research Assistant*

- Developed mathematical models for supercritical extractions.
- Studied the viability of using supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> to obtain secondary metabolites from organic waste, flowers and fruits.