

## **PhD Candidate Profile**

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#### Area (field) of study:

Removal of micropollutants by biological and advanced oxidation processes

#### **Thesis Title:**

Removal of organic matter, nutrients and endocrine disrupters in aerobic granular sludge systems combined with advanced oxidation processes

#### Abstract:

Micropollutants are compounds that are found in water in low concentrations (in order of micrograms or nanograms per liter) and which have serious issues in aquatic organisms. Endocrine disrupters are a type of micropollutants that exhibit changes in the endocrine system of organisms such as fishes.

Aiming the removal of  $\alpha$ -Estradiol and  $\beta$ -Etinilestradiol (natural and synthetic endocrine disrupters) were tested the biological process of aerobic granular sludge and the oxidative process of photocatalysis with UVC and TiO<sub>2</sub> using permeation of different concentrations of peroxide in





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alumina membrane, to remove this type of micropollutants. After testing the two processes both were evaluated to find the best removal or degradation results.

**Collaborations:** 

**Publications:** 

**Presentations:**