

The face: Maria Auad
The place: Auburn University



Auburn Engineering is continually developing its programs and curriculums to keep up with changes in industry. With recent additions of new faculty and remarkable facilities, Auburn has quickly become a springboard for researchers and academicians certain to make their mark in a variety of emerging fields.

Dr. Maria Lujan Auad

- Studied for two years as a post-doctoral researcher at the California Institute of Technology, focusing on the properties of liquid crystal polymers
- Researched four years in post-doctoral studies at the University of Southern California, specializing in nanocomposites
- Is currently involved in the development of shape memory polymers and nanofillers, such as nanocellulose crystals and ferromagnetic particles and their uses in the biomedical field

As one of the first faculty members recruited after the college turned one of its concentrations toward polymer and fiber engineering, Dr. Auad has redirected the future of polymer research in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering. Building on past experience, her work with shape memory polymers at Auburn looks to bring new heights to the field of polymer engineering.

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