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Professional Profile

Dr. Tutoni is a chemist specializing in polymer science and materials chemistry, with a particular focus on leveraging advanced characterization techniques to uncover structure-property relationships. Her expertise spans a broad array of techniques, including differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), X-ray scattering (WAXS/SAXS), nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR), optical microscopy, scanning electron microscopy (SEM), and UV-Vis spectroscopy. Through the application of these techniques and a fundamental understanding of polymer chemistry, Dr. Tutoni investigates the behavior and performance of polymeric materials in industries including buildings/construction, adhesives and sealants, personal electronics, medical devices, water and gas pipe, and more.

Prior to joining Exponent, Dr. Tutoni was a graduate research assistant at Duke University's Department of Chemistry. At Duke, she was awarded the National Science Foundation (NSF) graduate research fellowship. Her doctoral research involved the design and development of bioresorbable hydrogel microparticles aimed at advancing tissue engineering and drug delivery systems. This work encompassed small molecule and polymer synthesis, microfluidic fabrication, and the in-depth characterization of soft materials.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Chemistry, Duke University, 2024

B.S., ACS-Chemistry, Tufts University, 2019

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2020-2024)

Peter W. Jeffs Fellowship (2024)

Licenses and Certifications

Red Cross - CPR/AED Certificate

Professional Affiliations

American Chemical Society (2024 to Present), member

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Publications

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