

## ADMISSION TO PHD STUDIES FOR THE YEAR 2025

DOCTORAL RESEARCH TOPIC:	RESEARCH FIELD:
Bio-derived catalysts from mugwort for hydrogen production and CO2 reduction: a	Environmental Engineering (T 004)

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH TOPIC:

sustainable approach to renewable energy

This research focuses on developing bio-derived catalysts from mugwort (Artemisia) for hydrogen production and  $CO_2$  reduction, aiming to contribute to sustainable energy solutions. With the increasing need for renewable energy sources and carbon management technologies, bio-based catalysts offer an eco-friendly alternative to conventional, often rare or toxic, catalytic materials. Mugwort, a readily available and resilient plant, contains unique compounds with promising catalytic properties, positioning it as a potential resource for sustainable catalyst development.

The main goal of the work is to develop and evaluate the economic and environmental effects of bio-derived catalysts derived from mugwort (Artemisia) for efficient hydrogen production and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, contributing to sustainable energy technologies and carbon management.

## Objectives:

- 1. Extract and analyze the chemical composition of mugwort to identify potential catalytic compounds.
- 2. Develop bio-derived catalysts using mugwort and optimize their structure and properties for hydrogen production and CO₂ reduction.
- 3. Compare the performance of mugwort-based catalysts with conventional catalysts to determine feasibility and advantages.
- 4. Evaluate the environmental and economic benefits of using bio-derived catalysts in renewable energy.

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