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### About

Lynne Macaskie has been working for more than 25 years on applications of microorganisms in various areas of Biotechnology for the Environment. Her interests range from bioremediation of xenobiotics and heavy metals through to nuclear waste treatment and biomineral encapsulation and barrier agents for this.

Over the last 15 years she has moved into hydrogen biotechnology fuel cells for clean power generation and biomanufacture of metallic catalysts for green chemistry applications. Biorecovery of strategic and precious metals from wastes dovetails into the biorefining of such recovered materials into new catalysts.

### Qualifications

BSc Microbiology, University of London (1974)

PhD Biochemistry, University of London (1977)

### Biography

1977-1979: Broodbank Fellow at University of Cambridge (Food spoilage microbiology)

1979-1986: Postdoctoral fellow at University of Oxford, Physical Chemistry Laboratory (Microbe-metal interactions and metal recovery)

1986-1991: Departmental Demonstrator in Department of Biochemistry, University of Oxford and BTP Fellow, Pembroke College Oxford from 1988-1991 (Bioprocess development)

1991-date: University of Birmingham Lecturer in Biotechnology 1991, Personal Chair 2003.

### Teaching

From 1991- 2001 Lynne Macaskie led various modules in Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology and she left undergraduate teaching in 2002 to take up various industrial fellowships.

### Postgraduate supervision

PhD projects are available in all the areas outlined above. See also: [www.findaphd.com/search/customlink.asp?inst=birm-Biol&supersurname=Macaskie](http://www.findaphd.com/search/customlink.asp?inst=birm-Biol&supersurname=Macaskie)  
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### Research

Research Theme within School of Biosciences: [Institute of Microbiology and Infection \(/research/activity/microbiology-infection/index.aspx\)](/research/activity/microbiology-infection/index.aspx)

#### Microbial bioremediation of nuclear and industrial wastes

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She is also working on hydrogen biotechnology with a goal to deliver clean electricity from agri-food wastes and precious metal wastes together, using the same bacteria for both functions to 'close the loop' and forestall waste production. Recently she has moved into capture of waste carbon dioxide from hydrogen production processes, by conversion of the waste CO<sub>2</sub> into high value products.

The goal is an integrated biorefinery where wastes from each stage of the process are used as valuable raw materials for other stages.

The four pillars of Lynne's research are:

- [Biological hydrogen production \(/research/activity/bio-hydrogen/index.aspx\)](/research/activity/bio-hydrogen/index.aspx)
- Nuclear waste reprocessing
- Precious metal recovery
- Bionanocatalysts manufacture

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