

Tec de Monterrey and Canada seek more international exchanges



Consul of Canada [Sandra Shaddick](#) visited the Monterrey campus of [Tecnológico de Monterrey](#) to strengthen **ties** in order to offer **international experiences**.

The visit was intended to publicize the **Tec's internationalization** and **educational innovation initiatives** and to strengthen **partnerships** between the institution and Canada.

Eric Walsh, Director General of **North America Strategy at Global Affairs Canada**, and **Karen Serdan**, **Trade Commissioner to the Education Sector** at the Consulate, also participated in the visit on **November 26, 2021**.



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Canadian delegation learns about the Tec's international initiatives and programs

The visit was led by **José Manuel Páez**, Vice Rector for **Internationalization** at the Tec, who shared some of Tec de Monterrey's **projects** and **achievements**.

*"I'm very excited to be able to share my **office's initiatives** and **achievements** with the Consulate General of Canada in Monterrey,"* said Páez.

*"I'm sure that we will continue **to strengthen** our **bond** through **international experiences** and **internationalization initiatives**,"* he added.

Similarly, the consul of Canada in Monterrey reiterated that the **relationship** between her country and **Tec de Monterrey is becoming stronger** as both want to continue **cooperating** on **different projects**, especially **international programs**.

*"There are a lot of **Mexican students** going to **Canada** and **Canadian students** coming here.*

*"It's **important** for our **countries** and our **bilateral relations**. At the Consulate General of Canada, we are working to make this **relationship grow**. It's great and I hope it'll get even better,"* said Shaddick.

"It is important for our countries and our bilateral relations." - Sandra Shaddick, consul of Canada in Monterrey

A tour was also given to present **educational innovation** projects, such as the **Virtual Tec Campus**, a **virtual simulated campus** where students use an **avatar** to participate in activities.

On the Canadian delegation's visit were **Virtual Reality** projects, classes with **hologram-projected professors**, **urban development** initiatives like **DistritoTec**, and the recently opened **Wellness Center** and **Central Park** spaces.

*"It's incredible how the **Tec** is using **technology** to gradually **break down borders**. 10 or 20 years ago, when I was studying at university, I couldn't even imagine (these opportunities); they didn't even exist then.*

*"I'm very **impressed**. We have had a **wonderful visit**," said **Sandra Shaddick**.*



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Student mobility figures between the Tec and Canada

Some **international mobility program figures** between the **Tec** and **Canada** were presented during the visit.

2,835 students had **international experiences** between 2016 and 2021 as a result of the partnership between the **Tec** and **Canada**.

During the same period, **more than 2,353 undergraduate** students studied on **academic exchange programs** in **Canada**, while **446 Canadian** students studied at **Tec de Monterrey**.

The [University of British Columbia](#), [McGill University](#), [Université Laval](#), and [Vancouver Film School](#) are some of the Canadian universities that receive the most Tec students.

The majority of **Canadian students** coming to study at Tec de Monterrey are from [HEC Montréal](#), **The University of British Columbia**, and **Université Laval**.

“Cooperation (between the Tec and Canada) is very *strong*. We really *value our relationship with the Tec*,” Shaddick said.



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