

Tec de Monterrey and Canada want to increase student mobility



Graeme C. Clark, the Ambassador of Canada, visited [Tec de Monterrey](#) with the aim of strengthening reciprocal academic links between **Mexico and Canada** and expanding internationalization opportunities for students and graduates.

“The issue of reciprocity is one of the great challenges in the Mexico-Canada relationship,” mentioned the diplomat, who noted that he was **pleasantly surprised by students’ ability and quality** during his talk with them, saying:

*“The students revealed both their **high ability and the quality of their learning**. You could see they were very well prepared.”*

He also met with Tec directors. They spoke about the opportunities to **improve relations between both countries through education**, and ways to increase reciprocal student exchange and benefits for both parties.

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During his visit to Tec de Monterrey, **Graeme C. Clark** met with directors of the institution, including **David Garza**, Rector and Executive President of the Tec, who expressed his interest in expanding internationalization.

*“Our **Vision for 2030** is focused on innovation and entrepreneurship for human flourishing, which is why we seek to emphasize the 3i’s: Innovation, Investigation, and **Internationalization**,”* said the rector.

“The Tec is a very high-level and high-quality product. We need to work to attract more Mexicans to Canada.” - Graeme C. Clark

Juan Pablo Murra, Rector of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies, said the Tec is an institution from society and for society, whose **global vision** since its inception has been and will continue to be very important.

The Tec’s directors talked about **Canada’s importance** in the university’s exchange programs. They agreed that it has a fundamental role to play in **the Tec’s internationalization plans**.



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As of today, the Tec holds **25 exchange agreements** with **Canadian educational institutions**. From 2017 to 2022, there was **student mobility of 2,276 young people** between the two countries. Just over 1,900 are Mexicans who traveled to Canada, while 365 Canadians came to study at the Tec.

What's more, there were research collaborations with **59 Canadian institutions** and **276 joint publications** in the period **2016-2021**.

When talking about this, Consul General of Canada in Monterrey **Sandra Shaddick**, who accompanied Ambassador C. Clark, highlighted the importance of more Canadian students coming to the Tec.

*"We need **more Canadians to experience Tec de Monterrey's 25 campuses** across Mexico."*

Clark also reiterated the quality of the Tec, saying: *"**The Tec is a very high-level and high-quality product**, with extraordinary facilities, and we need to work harder to attract more Mexicans to Canada and facilitate this experience."*



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The diplomat spent time with students on the [Bachelor's Degree in International Relations](#) (LRI) and spoke with them about the **role of Canada and Mexico in building a more resilient North America**.

During his talk, he discussed **importation, exportation, migration, and sustainability issues** within the North American region, putting special emphasis on Canada and the United States.

*“You must think about **the contribution you can make to your country** in order to create a hemisphere and a world that works better,”* said the ambassador.

During his talk, Clark stressed that it’s an **advantage** for both countries **to be close to the United States**. However, he asked students to consider internationalizing more and **not just focusing on North America**, saying:

*“You must **take advantage of the opportunity to be a bridge with Latin America**, with countries that share your history, agriculture, and culture; this can create many possibilities and opportunities in different regions.”*



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During the visit from the Ambassador of Canada, **David Garza** was accompanied by **Ignacio de la Vega**, Executive Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Faculty and Internationalization, and **José Manuel Páez**, Vice Rector for Internationalization.

Also present were **Nathán Wolf**, Director of Strategic International Relations, **Carlos Lugo**, Strategic International Relations manager, and **Juan Pablo Murra**.

The delegation visited [MOSTLA](#), the **Tec’s Emerging Educational Technologies Laboratory**; Distrito Tec; and the Rector’s Building Mural, in addition to chatting with International Relations students and Canadians who are currently participating in an **exchange at the Monterrey campus**.

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