

# Expedition liftoff! Building a new space for innovation at the Tec



**Tec de Monterrey** is proposing a **multidisciplinary** space between **academia, industry, and society** that generates **scientific and technological** knowledge to provide **solutions** to the challenges facing **humanity** with its new **Expedition** building.

This building **will bring together local, national, and international** experts to carry out **scientific and innovation activities** so as to build a **feasible life** for the next **100 years**.

*“By creating this space, we renew the Tec’s commitment proposed in our (2025) Strategic Plan. We will also move forward with our goal of becoming a university whose impact extends ever further,”* explained **José Antonio Fernández Carbajal, President of the Tec’s Board of Directors**.



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With construction of Expedition, the institution **kicks off phase 2** of [DistritoTec](#) and its **transformation** into an **innovation district**, which includes approximately **280,000 m2** of real estate development.

*“Today, through the initiative we’ve named ‘Leading the way for the expedition,’ **we will encourage the collaboration of innovative and entrepreneurial minds.***

*“We will do this so that this type of research can be carried out and turned into startups and applications to promote economic, social, and environmental **development,**”* explained [David Garza Salazar](#), Rector and Executive President of the Tec.

He added that **the name Expedition** was intended to **promote high-impact and high-value projects** for the state, the region, the country, and the world.

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### **The first Expedition ‘stone is ‘launched**

A **drone** was used to lay the **first stone** on the slab where the new Expedition building will be located, during the **construction’s commencement ceremony.**

The event took place on **November 29** in the Main Hall of the Rector's Building. **Leaders, researchers, professors,** and various members of the **Tec community** gathered to experience the beginning of this **new phase** via a **'spatial experience'**.

*"The loss of housing was the starting point for **reinventing** and recognizing ourselves as an integral part of this neighborhood community. Today, our district has increased its population by 56%,"* said **Eva Garza, Chair of the DistritoTec Committee.**

She also said that this **evolution** seeks to foster a **better society** with significant changes to the **teaching-learning** process and promote a **healthy lifestyle.**

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For her part, **Lorena Guillé-Laris, Executive Director of [FEMSA Foundation](#),** highlighted the importance of this **innovation space.**

*"FEMSA Foundation and Tecnológico de Monterrey have a long history of promoting knowledge and **innovation.**"*

*"The beginning of this project is an **important steppingstone** towards our commitment to the innovation Latin America needs,"* she said.



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## Learn more about Expedition

This new **space for meeting, exchange, and connection** is estimated to be completed in **2024**.

It will consist of **seven levels**, of which **the first two floors** will be open to the public, and floors **3 through 7** will be **private spaces specializing in generating valuable and useful knowledge for society**.

- **Level 1:** *“The door to the future” will house the Science Gallery, a conceptual restaurant, and an experimental store.*
- **Level 2:** *“Community with purpose” will house the Venture Café, an Incubator, and a Maker Space.*
- **Level 3:** *“Knowledge in action” will contain the Futures DesignLab, an accelerator, and a Fintech lab.*
- **Level 4:** *“Institute for the Future of Education” is a space dedicated to research, innovation, and entrepreneurship.*
- **Level 5:** *“Institute for Obesity Research” is a space for people’s physical, mental, and emotional health.*
- **Level 6:** *“Institute of Advanced Materials for Sustainable Manufacturing” is a space for joining forces to create more sustainable materials and processes.*
- **Level 7:** *“Feasible life in 100 years” is a space dedicated to generating solutions to the environmental, social, economic, and political problems facing the planet.*

Get to know the building through a virtual tour by clicking [here](#).

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## Presentation of Science Gallery Monterrey

**JUMPSTART** is the name of the first **pop-up exhibition** on **Monterrey campus**, designed to **attract and introduce** the public to the [Science Gallery](#) project.

This gallery will be **located** on the **first floor of the new Expedition building** and will include works by **local artists**. The international Science Gallery network is the **only global university network** dedicated to public **engagement with science and art**.

*“Science Gallery is an example of the work that different educational institutions can do for art and science,”* said **Sarah Durcan, Director of Science Gallery International**.

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[Science Gallery Monterrey](#) is the most recent addition to the **international Science Gallery network**, which currently has sites in **Dublin, London, Melbourne, Bengaluru, Berlin,**

**Rotterdam, and Atlanta.**

This exhibition will feature **works on loan** from the [University of Melbourne's Science Gallery Melbourne](#), and [Emory University's Science Gallery Atlanta](#).

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During the launch event, the **first official agreement** between **Tecnológico de Monterrey and Science Gallery International** was also signed.

This signing ceremony was led by **David Garza Salazar**, President and Rector of the Tec, **Juan Pablo Murra**, Rector for Higher Education, and **Sarah Durcan**, Director of Science Gallery International.

Also present were **Roberto Íñiguez**, National Dean of the **School of Architecture, Art, and Design**, and **Miguel González Virgen**, leader of the Monterrey Region **Arts Initiative**.

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