

Tec and INE agree to promote democratic and institutional development



Activities aimed at strengthening civic interest in democratic life will be launched thanks to the collaborative partnership established between [Tecnológico de Monterrey](#) and the [National Electoral Institute \(INE\)](#).

The agreement was signed by **Guadalupe Taddei Zavala**, President of the INE's advisory council, and **David Garza Salazar**, Rector and Executive President of the Tec.

Activities related to the Federal Electoral Process (PEF) 2023-2024, gender perspectives, and civic education will be undertaken in order to promote democratic development.

Furthermore, the collaboration will delve into fields such as **process re-engineering, new methodologies, specialized training, technology transfer, and the consolidation of the National Electoral Professional Service: all with the aim of promoting institutional development in Mexico.**



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“We’re convinced that **permanent technological change** and the **development of knowledge** must be the foundation for the **creation of policies** and **programs which strengthen institutions** ,” Garza highlighted.

Actions that will occur as a result of the collaboration agreement

The collaboration agreement between the **INE** and **Tec de Monterrey** includes actions such as:

- **Collaboration in the scrutiny and counting of votes cast by Mexicans living abroad.**
- **The exchange of strategies focused on gender perspectives.**
- **The possibility of hosting debates between candidates.**
- **Tec participation in the Preliminary Electoral Results Program and electoral observation program.**
- **Contributions to strengthening the National Professional Electoral Service.**
- **The promotion of citizen knowledge and involvement within the National Electoral System, as well as an institutional link with Local Electoral Public Bodies.**



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*“By collaborating with **public and private institutions** in the **social sector**, the **INE** is able to validate its work to promote democracy. Inclusion is crucial to providing clean elections to citizens,”* highlighted **Taddei Zavala**.

Garza Salazar believes that the Tec will be able to renew its commitment to democracy through this partnership.

*“We believe that the **electoral process**, and **the right to vote**, makes us all equal. It also **constitutes the most powerful tool we have**, not only to decide who occupies public positions, but also to effectively exercise active citizenship,”* he noted.

Democracy and young people

Arturo Castillo Loza, a member of the INE’s advisory council, notes that this partnership is aimed especially at **young people**.

*“**Democracy is a collective construction**, which is why **young people are fundamental to it.**”*

15 million of the **96.7 million** people eligible to vote are aged **between 18 and 24 years**.

According to INE statistics, that means **15.5% of the total** is made up of people of university age.

*“So, it’s essential **to build partnerships between electoral authorities and different partners in education and academia.**”*

According to the President of the advisory council, INE delegates will be visiting Tec classrooms to promote these activities as part of the partnership.

“The right to vote is the most powerful tool we have to effectively exercise active citizenship.” - David Garza



The history of collaboration between the INE and Tec de Monterrey

This is not the first collaboration agreement that the INE and Tec de Monterrey have signed. **Since 2006, Tec has partnered in the counting and registering of votes cast by Mexicans abroad.**

In **2018**, members of the **Tec student community** had the opportunity to volunteer in actions at different periods.

Furthermore, on **May 11, 2016**, an **agreement was signed** focused on developing joint projects to promote the development of the INE's comprehensive citizenship resources.

On **June 22, 2018**, they **signed another agreement** to carry out research, and provide forums, advice, consultancies, courses, diplomas, seminars, and conferences. These were organized with the aim of promoting, developing, and disseminating political-democratic culture, civic education, human rights, and the construction of citizenship.

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