

Universities need joint vision and actions - Tec's Rector at summit



What is required for **universities to help tackle global challenges**? This was the starting point of the panel in which **David Garza**, Rector and Executive President of the **Tec**, participated at the **international summit**.

As it was the first time the Tec had been invited as a panelist to the [Times Higher Education World Academic Summit](#), Garza presented the institution's experience in the development of **applied research**.

*"Multidisciplinary research needs **clear vision and action**; vision without action is a dream and action without vision is chaos,"* highlighted **Garza**, who was **the only speaker representing Latin America on the panel**.

During the summit, Garza shared ideas with **Shearer West**, President of the [University of Nottingham](#); **Megan Kenna**, Executive Director of [Schmidt Science Fellows](#); **Rocky Tuan**, President of the [Chinese University of Hong Kong](#); **David Lloyd**, President of the [University of South Australia](#); and **Annamarie Jagose**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the [University of Sydney](#), who was the moderator.

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Experiences and challenges in research

The objective of the panel “**Leadership reflections: Building multidisciplinary research from the ground up**” in which Garza participated was to explain **how educational institutions do research and** to discuss how to create a **shared vision for the future**.

The Tec’s rector outlined the creation of research institutes: the [Institute for Obesity Research](#), the [Institute for the Future of Education](#) (IFE), and the [Institute of Advanced Materials for Sustainable Manufacturing](#).

*“We’ve developed **three research institutes** -we could create more- to actively participate in solving social and economic challenges,”* he said.



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He also pointed out that each institute has a **strategy to position its projects, researchers, vision, and main results**.

*“At first, the institutes can count on **funding from the institution** but then they will need to access external resources since they are designed to develop solutions to real challenges,”* he said.

During the panel, **they addressed challenges** such as **the risk that comes with multidisciplinary research** and **the patience that is required with failure**, but with the assurance that the **results are worthwhile**.

Among the priority challenges discussed during the panel **were the need for clear structures and governance**, the creation of a **community among researchers**, and **support for funding sources**.

*“Multidisciplinary research needs a **clear vision and action**; vision without action is a dream and action without vision is chaos,” said Garza, Rector and Executive President of the Tec.*

About the Times Higher Education World Academic Summit

In its **10th edition**, the [Times Higher Education World Academic Summit](#), held in Australia, was attended by more than **600 attendees from 50 countries**, including **140 rectors or presidents of educational institutions**.

The goal was for **collaboration** between **higher education** institutions, industry, and policymakers with the goal of diversifying and expanding global educational approaches.

Its focus was on promoting **gender equity and diversity**, **multidisciplinary research** initiatives, cross-community collaboration, and new **teaching-learning methods**.

In addition to the panel in which David Garza participated, **Tec de Monterrey** was present at roundtables with the institution’s research director, Neil Hernández.

*“I was invited to participate in a discussion with different universities such as the University of **Manchester** and the University of Santa Barbara, California, from the **United States**.*

*“We discussed the **evolution of assessment metrics** for research,” Hernandez said.*

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