

Tec joins the first Bio-Entrepreneurship Hub in Mexico



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To promote **research and innovation in science and technology in the agri-food** sector, the Tec has joined the first **Biotechnological Entrepreneurship Hub in Jalisco**.

The project will **generate knowledge** focused on solving scientific, technological and innovation challenges **within the industry**.

This initiative is supported by the **National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT)** and the **Jalisco State Government** through the **Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology (SICyT)**,

Also involved are the State of Jalisco's **Center for Research and Assistance in Technology and Design (CIATEJ)** and **Tec de Monterrey**, as well as other institutions.

At the project launch, **Enrique Alfaro Ramírez, Governor of Jalisco**, stated that:

*“The Biotechnological Hub is the sum of efforts and connections between the **government, private initiatives, universities, researchers, and entrepreneurs.**”*

He stressed that it is part of a new drive to advance in **entrepreneurship and technology transfer** issues related to **bio-entrepreneurship**.

Enrique Alfaro, governor of Jalisco, (center) and Manuel Zertuche, Dean of the EIC at Tec de Monterrey, (right) during the launch of the Bio-Entrepreneurship Hub.



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Alfonso Pompa Padilla, Minister of the Jalisco SICyT, mentioned that:

*“The success of the Hub lies in effective connections between the **manufacturing sector, research centers, and universities** to invest in specific projects.”*

He added that it is an **entrepreneurial ecosystem** at the highest level of **science and technology**. *“It will work with some of the main universities in the state...”*

*Such as Tec de Monterrey, with its **entrepreneurial and innovation** capacities, coordinated by the **most recognized research center in the region**”.*



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Manuel Zertuche Guerra, Dean of the **School of Engineering and Sciences at Tec de Monterrey**, said *“we are pleased to be partners in this initiative...”*

At the Tec, we have a long history and experience of bringing together research, innovation, and entrepreneurship communities, which we gladly put at the service of this project.”

For the Tec, the Hub will be a space **which encourages creativity and ideas** to develop **new proposals for solutions** to the challenges faced by society.

*“It will be a vehicle to move local talent, especially young entrepreneurs, from **ideas to projects, to market applications, and real and practical solutions.**”*

In addition to the Tec, other participating institutions are:

- *The Autonomous University of Guadalajara (UAG),*
- *The University of Guadalajara (UdeG), and*
- *The Western Institute of Technological and Higher Education (ITESO).*

Alfonso Pompa Padilla, head of the SICyT, (center) during the launch of the Bio-Entrepreneurship Hub at Casa Jalisco, a project in which Tec will have a major role.



These institutions will make their **scientific and technological capabilities** available to the Hub through **laboratories** and pilot plants which will develop **new agri-food products**.

As a result of this project, Jalisco is expected to become the **capital of agri-food bio-entrepreneurship in Mexico**.

It will therefore have an **incubator and accelerator for biotechnology companies**, as well as an office for **intellectual property** and **technology transfer**.

Additionally, the **Bio-Entrepreneurship Hub** will bring together the **Jalisco agri-food cluster**, where companies from this sector will have access to different resources.

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