Global recognition! Tec given award for innovation by SAP
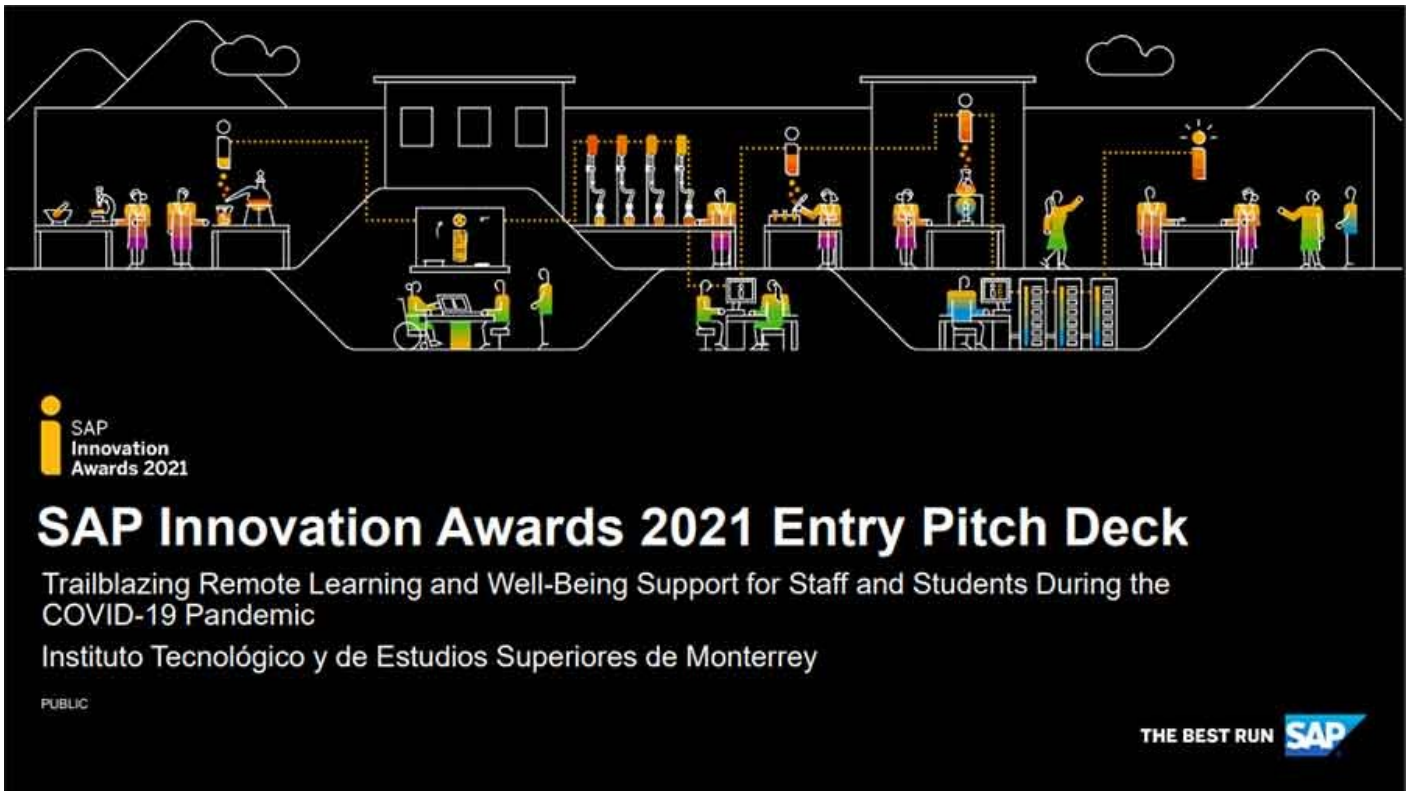

Tecnológico de Monterrey won **first place** in the *Higher Education and Research* category of the ***Innovation Awards*** organized by **SAP**, the market leader in business software.

The Tec was one of **20 prize winners selected** from more than **300 entrants** from around the world, who used digital technology solutions from **SAP Digital Enterprise.**

Trailblazing Remote Learning and Well-Being Support for Staff and Students During the Pandemic was the winning project for this year's award. What's more, the Tec was the **only Mexican university** given a prize at the awards.

*"This is proof of the **ability** of an organization like ours, which is so **focused on the use of technology**, to set up this kind of operation **in such a short time**,"* said José Juan Carranza, Director of the Projects and Processes Portfolio at the Tec.

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A project to enable online classes

The award-winning project used the **SAP** platform to enable **online programs** for teachers, students, and staff during the **pandemic**.

Courses were designed on this **platform** to prepare **professors** to start **online classes just one week** after the **Tec** switched to a flexible online model.

"SAP is, fundamentally, a technology enabler, which allows us to connect processes," Carranza explained.

Another **SAP tool** was used to **survey students**, **professors**, and **parents.** This made it possible to identify areas requiring support, be it **academic**, **mental health**, or even **financial support**, to name but a few.

Additionally, the Tec used a system called **SAP Fiori** to **optimize arrivals on its different campuses** and to **prevent outbreaks** of **COVID-19** within its facilities, prioritizing the health of its community.

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*"The SAP platform and **technologies** allowed us **to monitor** and **create these programs** for the wellbeing of the **Tec community,"** explained Carranza.*

He added that, although this project has been used extensively during the pandemic, the **strategic partnership** between the Tec and SAP has continued to grow.

*"This project, as well as the tools it made use of, is **something we've been working on** for **8 years**. The **pandemic** and our **experiences** throughout have **prepared us to enter the unknown.***

*"Using **technology** to support **students**, the **community**, and **staff** during the pandemic, through **support programs** developed using **this accumulation of information and applications,** is one of the things that kept us going,"* said Carranza.

The SAP Innovation Awards 2021 Winners!

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This year's awards

The **SAP Innovation Awards** recognize the **achievements of** forward-thinking **companies and individuals** who have used the **latest SAP products and technologies** to become **smart businesses**.

The winners were announced on **April 14 and** the awards ceremony will be held, virtually, on **June 23**.

This is the eighth time these awards have been given, with prize winners being selected by an **international panel** made up of experts and opinion makers.

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