

3 years of alliance of the best private universities in Latin America



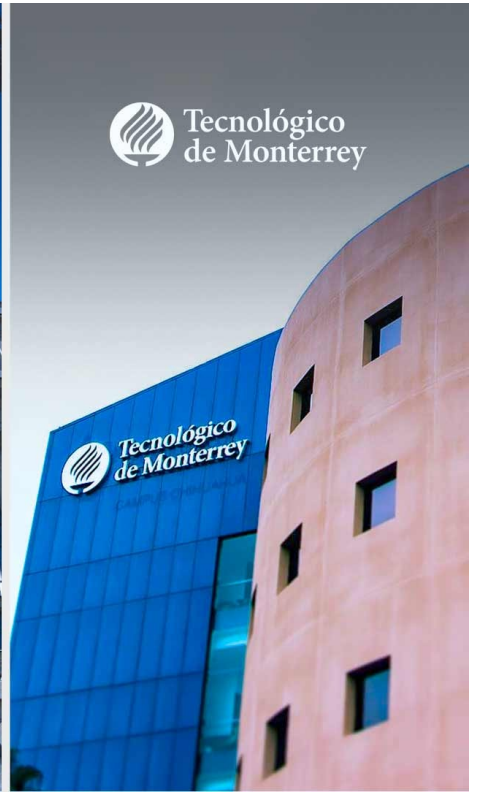
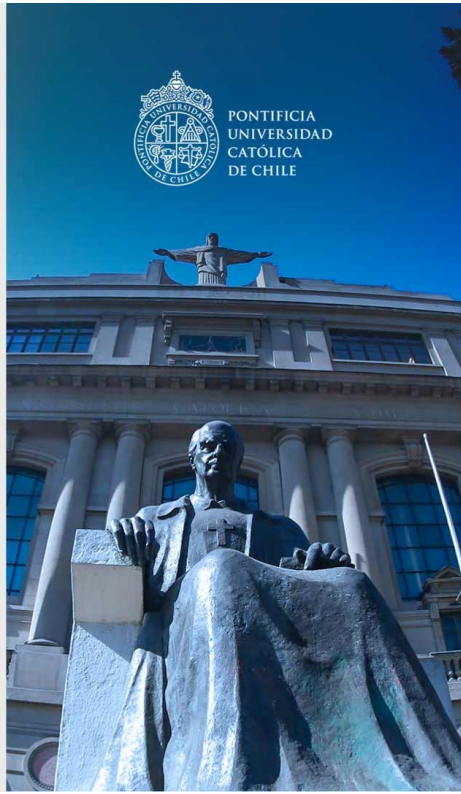
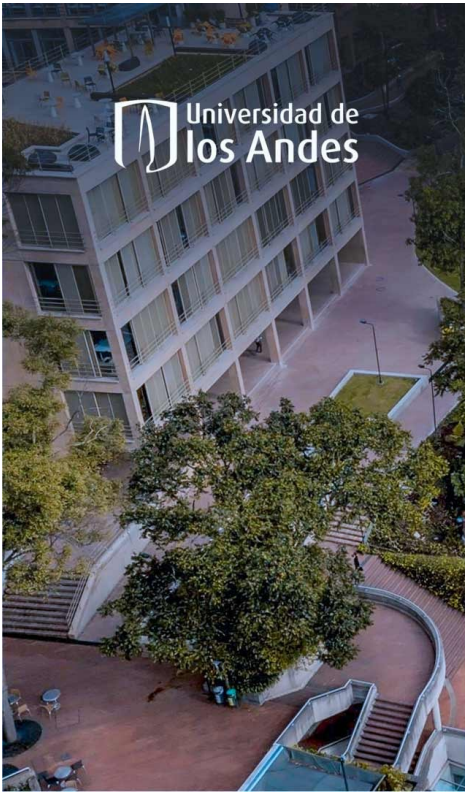
[Tec de Monterrey](#), the [Pontifical Catholic University](#) of Chile, and the [University of Los Andes](#) in Colombia have reviewed **progress** made on their joint **projects** within their [La Tríada](#) alliance.

Rectors and directors from the **3 universities** met virtually at the **Virtual Summit of La Tríada Rectors** this May 4.

At this event, **64 joint initiatives** were reviewed in the areas of education, creative industries, nanotechnology, and environmental impact, to name but a few.

*“Today, we’re united by a **common vision** and **purpose**. It seems to me that we’re setting an example of something more than traditional academic collaboration,”* said **David Garza**, Rector and Executive President of **Tec de Monterrey**.

*“We’re learning and developing **skills together** and assuming a new spirit of commitment and empathy with our communities,”* he added.



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La Tríada is more than just a collective of universities

Garza also highlighted the importance of La Tríada for the development of **projects** for the **social development** of Latin American countries.

*“We frequently insist that **La Tríada** is not just another collective of universities. We’ve shown this in recent months.*

*“La Tríada has allowed us, in a very timely manner, to develop **synergies** in a **new era** where **educational partnerships** will no longer be optional,”* says Garza.

In addition, the leader pointed out the **opportunity** provided by La Tríada to the 3 universities for taking relevant and **timely positions** on **social issues**.

Some of the issues highlighted by Garza on which La Tríada has worked together are **sustainable development** in Latin America and **educational innovation**.

*“The common denominator has been the **impact** that **our universities** are having in each of our countries,”* he added.



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The progress being made by La Tríada projects

Professors, researchers and directors of the three universities shared **the progress made** in some of La Tríada's **projects**:

Educational innovation

- Coursera

The 3 universities pooled their **online course** catalogs to provide equal access to members of their communities through the [Coursera](#) platform.

To date, the ***Coursera Consortium*** project, with **more than 100 courses**, has had **51,951 unique signups** and **290,274 students** enrolled on courses.

The **first joint specialized program “Doing Business in Latin America”** was created within this project, with more than 9,900 enrolled. A second course in **Anatomy is being developed**.

- Survey of teachers in the pandemic

Surveys were conducted with **teachers** from the 3 universities to identify their **best practices** and **lessons learned** during **distance education** due to the pandemic.

This project is currently beginning the **data analysis phase**.

- TPrize

Tec de Monterrey and the University of Los Andes held the 2020 [TPrize](#), a contest in which **304 solutions** from **37 countries** were presented.

Participants presented **educational innovation** projects to improve access to education, resulting in [five winners](#).

The **call** for the **2021 contest** will be launched in **June** and the final will be held in December of this year.

<https://tec.mx/en/news/national/education/learning-and-skills-future-5-projects-win-tprize>
Architecture, art, design and urban studies

- Congresses, conferences and workshops

Joint activities were carried out between the 3 universities on **architecture, design, and sustainable urban development**, as well as an online debate and a **Sustainable Urban Development Network**.

- Master's degrees in urban planning

The 3 universities have collaborated on various **master's** degrees in **urban planning**:

- Master's in **Urban and Regional Planning** - University of Los Andes
- Master's in **Architecture and Urban Design** - Tec de Monterrey
- Master's in **Urban Development** - Pontifical Catholic University of Chile
- Master's in **Human Settlements and the environment** - Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

- Inclusive urban renewal

An **international summer course** was launched for students from the 3 universities that addresses theories and instruments of **urban planning** and **urban renewal**.

This program is especially focused on the current **challenges of inclusion** in **Latin American cities** and will be taught virtually.

- Urban narratives laboratory

The aim of this space is for students to experiment, **transforming traditional academic research** into products and media such as **podcasts, videos, memes, and images**.



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Medical education and health sciences

- **NOVUS: "Don't forget about yourself, don't forget about me"**

A project resulting from the **NOVUS educational innovation** program that developed an **app** which acts as a virtual portfolio of **experiences for medical students**.

The aim of the app is to develop and **monitor the identity** construction of **medical students**.

Topics addressed in the app include **self-knowledge** and **reflection**, change and conscientious leadership, family relationships, and contextualization and professional responsibility.

This project was supported by the **United States [National Board of Medical Examiners \(NBME\)](#)**, who provided funding, recognition, and scaling.

Research

- **Research areas**

Studies are being carried out jointly between the 3 universities in areas such as **sustainability**, **natural resources**, education, and interculturality.

- Field station network

This is a network of **stations** with **field installations** in Chile, Colombia, and Mexico, with infrastructure to carry out global research.

- HUB TEC-China-Tríada

A project in which certain selected **startups** will have access to an **acceleration platform** and will be eligible for support to create a new startup in **China**.

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