



## Mayor of Houston sees potential for academic exchanges with Tec

Mayor of Houston **Sylvester Turner** discussed the subjects of **entrepreneurship, academic exchanges, and innovation districts** with Tec leaders during his visit to the Monterrey campus.

**David Garza**, rector and **president of the Tec**, and **Mario Adrián Flores**, vice president of the Tec's Monterrey Region, were in charge of **welcoming the mayor and his entourage**.

*"We're impressed by the great work the Tec is doing in terms of **educational technology, housing environments, and entrepreneurship**."*

*"It'd be interesting to start a series of talks and have more specific meetings in order to **set up exchanges** between our students,"* said Sylvester Turner.



During the visit, which took place on **Tuesday, March 29**, the mayor toured some of the most **emblematic** locations on campus, such as the **Rectory Building** and the **Library**.

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## **Searching for transformation towards innovation districts**

One of the projects that **caught the attention of the mayor and his team** was the **DistritoTec** project, an urban regeneration initiative developed by [Tec de Monterrey](#) in collaboration with **citizens, organizations, and local authorities**.

*“One of our goals is to **create an open environment** in which the community can feel part of the project.*

*“We also want to attract more **startup companies** because we want to be part of a knowledge economy,” explained David Garza.*

The **projects presented** to the mayor as part of the **DistritoTec initiative** included the **transformation** towards an **Innovation District**.



The project is **intended for geographic areas** where **high concentrations** of **talent, institutions, and companies** are connected to **business incubators**.

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A **scientific innovation building** called ‘**Expedition**’ will also be constructed.

*“We’re very interested in how they’ve handled this **transformation with the community** around the campus.*

*“We’ve been thinking of an environment similar to this for our city, so it would be very good to have an **exchange of ideas**,”* shared the mayor of Houston.

## **Mayor has immersive digital experience**

Another of the spaces visited by the mayor was **Mostla**, the Tec’s **Emerging Educational Technologies space**, where he learned about some of its **educational technologies** such as [hologram teachers](#).

He also learned about different **virtual reality devices**, such as **VR headsets** for **hybrid classes**.

*“In addition to having these technological spaces at the Tec, we’re committed to training **world leaders**.*

*“That’s why we focus part of our efforts on **strengthening** our students’ skills using different educational tools,”* said Mario Adrián Flores.



**Both leaders agreed that the Houston government and Tec de Monterrey should begin to collaborate on how to impact university students' lives in both countries.**

*"We're very happy with the high quality we've seen here at the Tec. We hope we can **work together** in different areas", concluded Sylvester Turner.*

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