

David Garza Salazar

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President Garza has a bachelor's degree on Computer Systems from Tec of Monterrey and a PhD on Computer Science from the State University of Colorado.

Throughout his 30 years of service at Tec, Garza has occupied several academic and executive positions such as director of Research and Graduate Program; dean of Information Technology and Electronics and dean of Engineering School at the Monterrey Campus.

He was also General Director of San Luis Potosí's campus, rector of the Metropolitan Area of Monterrey and Vice-Rector of Undergraduate position from which he led key academic initiatives related to the improvement of students and professors, and the development of Model Tec21. Subsequently he was named Academic Vice-Rector of the Institution.

Since July 1st, 2017, Garza is Rector at Tec de Monterrey, a private non-profit university part of the 35 best private universities of the world according to the QS ranking. It has 31 campuses in Mexico and presence in 13 countries, almost 90 thousand alumni and more than 10 thousand professors.

Garza has been a research professor in the Information Technology and Electronics department, imparting lectures in disciplines related to technology, both in university and masters and PhD levels. As a researcher he participated in the definition and development of projects financed by prestigious national and international institutions such as the U.S. Agency for International Development, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, European Commission and National Council of Science and Technology, and CONACYT. Some of his research projects have been developed in collaboration with international institutions such as Virginia Tech, Southwest Research Institute and Colorado State University. Author of multiple articles and consultant of different corporations' projects, he was recognized on two occasions with the Distinguished Professor Award.

He was President of the Global Engineering Deans Council's, an initiative created with support of the American Society for Engineer Education and the International Federation of Engineer Education Societies. In 2012, Garza received the Honoris Causa doctorate from the American University of Nicaragua. He's an active member of professional associations and organizations such as ASEE, IEEE, ACM, Sigma Xi y Phi Kappa Phi.

Garza has participated in committees of conferences and state, national and international level councils of a variety of corporate and academic organizations. He has also been invited as speaker and panelist to international events in more than 15 countries.

He's married to Claudia García Valadez and has four children, Claudia Marcela, Alejandro Daniel, Andrés Fernando, and Sara Elisa.

