

Micro-credentials part of education of the future: dean of the Tec



Rector David Garza attended the ASU+GSV Summit and sat on the Times panel, which discussed aspects of the future of education.

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David Garza, the rector and executive chairman of the **Tec de Monterrey**, predicts that the future of education will be flexible and **micro-credentials** will help people through the different stages of their lives.

"During the pandemic, we observed that we can reach a larger population and perhaps people who don't possess certain skills," assured Garza.

The rector of the Tec sat on **"The Future of Higher Education"** panel on April 4, where a variety of topics were discussed concerning the **future of higher education** and aspects to be considered to impact society.

This panel formed part of the [ASU+GSV Summit](#), a forum that seeks to transform society and businesses through work and learning, and which started in 2010 with a partnership between [Arizona State University](#) and [Global Silicon Valley](#).



Advantages and challenges of micro-credentials

Garza pointed out that the **micro-credentials** given to students to demonstrate that they possess skills without having to complete a full year's study provide a panorama replete with **advantages and challenges** for universities and students.

"Today there is a 4-year immersion education scheme, and I think that this model could last for many years more," he asserted.

Garza mentioned that the **Tec de Monterrey** was already working on the use of online micro-credentials alongside universities like [MIT](#) and Columbia, and during 2020 they saw the growth of **3 thousand 400 to 39 thousand users during the**

pandemic.



However, some experts also mentioned diverse challenges that using these micro-credentials involves, such as their **verification**, a process that certain universities like the **Tec** carry out using **Blockchain** technology.

*"We went with Blockchain even before the pandemic and our students are grateful because they are given a **Blockchain version of their degree certificates upon graduation**.*

*"I see this as an **opportunity** for many universities to make a greater **impact** which, all said and done, is what we are trying to do: make an impact on society," assured Garza.*

Sitting on the same panel as Garza were Tade Oyerinde (founder and CEO of Campus), Aaron Rasmussen (CEO of Outlier.org), Danny King (co-founder and CEO of Accredible), and Philipp Schmidt (director of Digital Learning at MIT Media Lab).

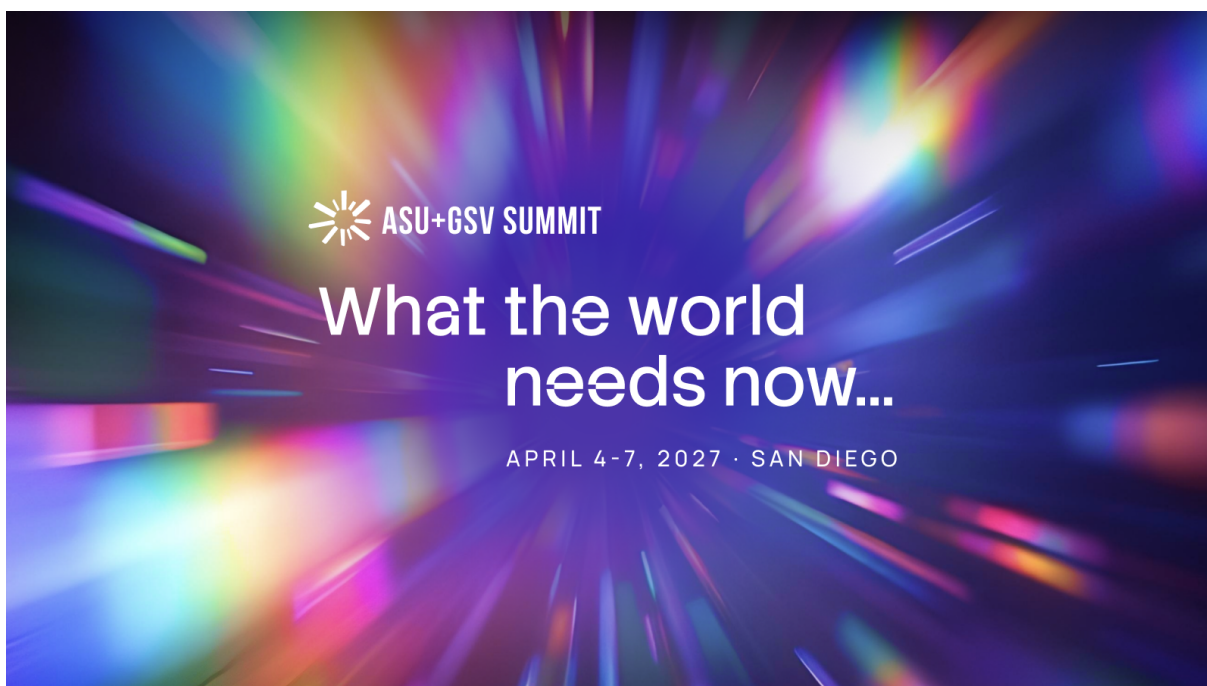


The ASU+GSV Summit

The panel was one of the scheduled activities at the ASU+GSV Summit held on **April 4-6, 2022** in San Diego, California. It is an annual event.

Its goal is to create intellectual connections among leaders who seek to transform society and businesses through learning and work to give people equal access to the future.

In person and virtual **talks, conferences, and panels** were scheduled at the event and international leaders, speakers, and investors were invited from a broad range of organizations, such as universities, educational centers, startups, and investment companies.



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