

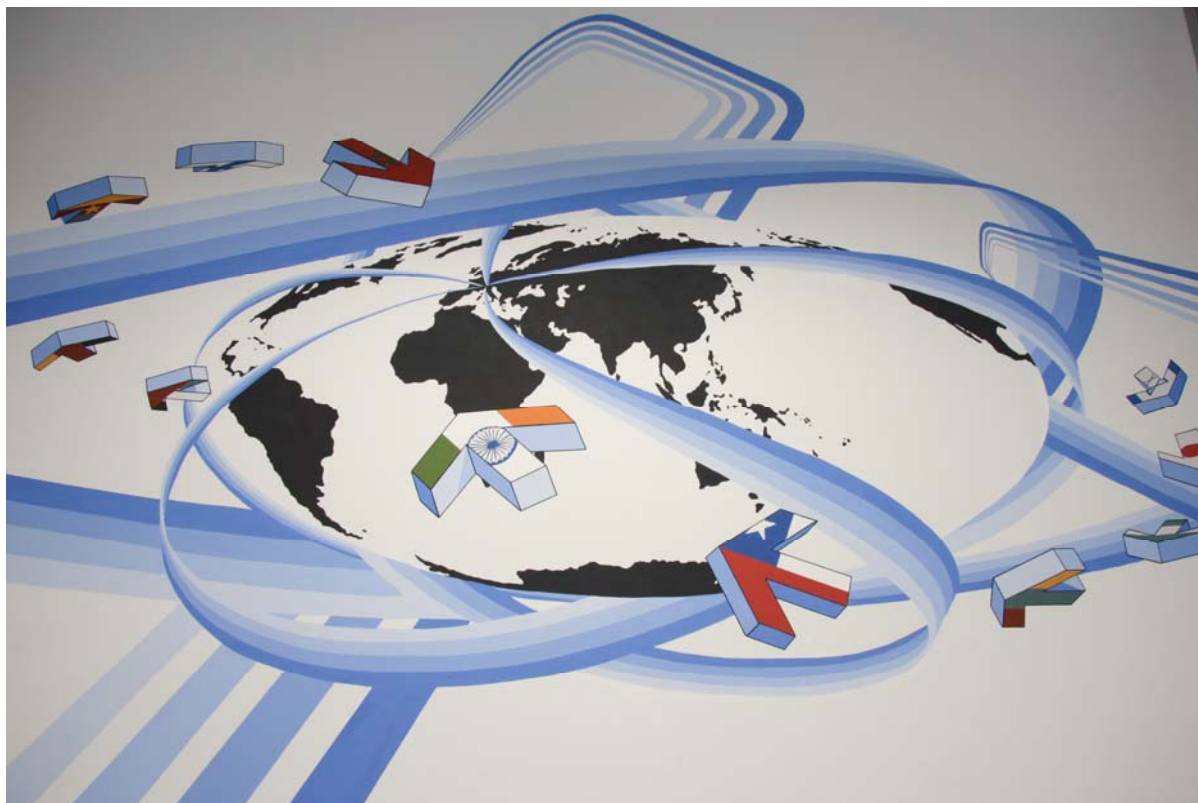
**Politecnico di Torino  
International campus**



The Politecnico di Torino is the most prestigious technical university in Italy, one of the leader scientific-technological institutions in Italy and in Europe (rated one of the top 10 European tech universities by the world-recognized Jao Tong University ranking). The Politecnico provides education in the fields of engineering and architecture and is made up of six faculties (four for Engineering and two for Architecture) and a PhD School. It counts about 27,000 students attending more than 120 undergraduate and graduate educational programs in Italian and English.

The Politecnico is a “reaserch university” and it is strongly committed to basic and applied research. It has a very good track record of collaboration with industry: Alenia, Compaq, Ferrari, FIAT, IBM, Michelin, Nokia, Philips, Piaggio, Pininfarina, Pirelli, Siemens, STMicroelectronica and Telecom Italia are just some of the research partners of Politecnico.

The project for the expansion of the Politecnico, to create the new “Cittadella Politecnica”, in a central position in the city, is part of the global process of major urban change favoured by the relocation of large industrial area. The project is intended to make the Politecnico a place not only for academic learning and research, but also to be an attractor of major investments in research by multinationals, a place for technology transfer, community services, social and student meeting points and urban regeneration. The Politecnico di Torino is interested in developing permanent collaboration relations in research and education with industries that want to take advantage of university collaboration for innovation, and development. The Politecnico Business Research Centre within the Cittadella is the place dedicated to cooperation in research and education between the Politecnico and industries. Spaces for offices and laboratories and industrial equipments are available for this aim. Many important international corporations, such as General Motors, Asja Ambiente, Huawei Technologies, Intelligence Focus, J.A.C., Metecno, Microsoft, Vishay Semiconductor will be active in the centre since 2008.



International collaboration has become a priority goal of the university. This fact allowed to develop the actions for increasing the number of foreigner students, who come from more than 90 different countries, especially from China, India, Mediterranean Area Countries and Latin America. Politecnico is also holding tight cooperation with local socio economical organizations. These partnerships allowed offer a large amount of scholarships to talented foreigner student who want to begin their studies in the Politecnico di Torino.

It has signed 300 general agreements with foreign universities for student exchange and more than 90 joint degree projects with both European and extra European universities, which allowed the Politecnico to start a grater number of international didactic and research activities.

The university has also activated several joint educational programs, such as an Italian-Chinese University campus (in collaboration with Tongji University), and an Italian campus in Karachi sponsored by the Pakistani national government.

The Politecnico di Torino has launched an International Students website, available in multiple languages (<http://international.polito.it>), where foreigner students can retrieve information on the educational offer and scholarship facilities. Prospective students can submit their application through online procedure on the web site <http://apply.polito.it>; this site, launched during the last spring, has count over 4800 enrolments for the current academic year. On this same site, since October 2007, it is already possible to register for the next academic year.



In the 2007/2008 academic year, about 2.000 out of 27.000 student are international (12% of the total). The Politecnico di Torino offers aid for house-searching, canteens with international menus, cultural mediation service, wireless internet access all over the campus, movies projection in original language.

A great success has been achieved also by the [visiting@polito.it](mailto:visiting@polito.it) service. This a procedure similar to [apply@polito.it](mailto:apply@polito.it), addressed international professors and researchers: since summer 2007 about 1000 people from 69 different countries have registered.

Within the present internationalization strategies, the Politecnico di Torino confirms its policies of attraction of talented students from China, India, Vietnam, Latin America and Mediterranean Area Countries. For the year 2008 Australia has been identified as the target country with which to start new collaborations and promote new research programs.

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