

05 – National Institute of Applied Sciences of Toulouse (INSA): Collective Consciousness



The INSA Toulouse Campus Experience aims to showcase the very best features of the INSA Group — the first network of public engineering schools in France. Participants accommodated at or near the city centre can choose to take the metro to reach the INSA campus, which is only about a ten-minute journey. INSA Toulouse opens its doors to its six fellow INSAs to showcase its shared values, initiatives and goals. Participants will discover our unique education model, built over the years in keeping with the wishes of our founder, the philosopher Gaston Berger, to train humanist engineers.

The schedule features a great balance between plenary sessions, workshops and visits, as well as plenty of time during lunch and coffee breaks to engage in networking. After lunch, participants will be invited to a four-stop campus tour that focuses on “Research”, “Innovative pedagogy”, “Student-based internationalisation”, and “INSA group, a common ambition”. The Campus Experience will end with drinks and tasting specialties from the Southwestern French cuisine.

Those looking for a calm evening or who wish to take a walk with colleagues may stroll along the Canal du Midi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site adjacent to the campus which will provide a refreshing backdrop for the summer.

About the institution

The National Institute of Applied Sciences of Toulouse (INSA Toulouse) is a public engineering school offering a five-year master's degree-level curriculum. It belongs to the INSA Group alongside six other INSA schools (Bourges, Lyon, Rennes, Rouen, Strasbourg and Valenciennes).

INSA Toulouse hosts more than 3200 students and 650 staff members, with more than 500 engineers graduating every year (over 18500 alumni since its creation in 1963). INSA Toulouse provides courses focused on the latest scientific advances. Its academic offering—supported by eight cutting-edge research laboratories and backed by large industrial groups—focuses on addressing and anticipating socioeconomic needs.

Time	Activity
09:00–10:00	Session at MEETT: Introduction to the Higher Education in France
10:00–10:30	Transport time from MEETT to National Institute of Applied Sciences of Toulouse (INSA)
10:30–10:45	Registration and breakfast buffet
10:45–10:50	INSA Group, a model of diversity, humanism, excellence, innovation and strategic foresight, Mr. Mourad BOUKHALFA, President, INSA Group
10:55–11:00	INSA Group, an organisation opens to the world, Ms. Marie-Pierre FAVRE, Vice-president delegate for International Development, INSA Group
11:00–11:45	The main features of the 7 INSAs schools, Vice-Presidents for International Relations, INSA schools.
11:45–13:30	Lunch buffet and networking
13:30–15:30	Groups of 15 participants attend successively the 4 thematic workshops and visit the respective locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toulouse Biotechnology Institute : “A Research scheme addressing 5 main societal challenges”, presentation, Q&A and visit • Innovation & Innovative Pedagogy Centre : “A training offer supported by an innovative pedagogy”, presentation, Q&A and visit • Student residence : “Toward a student-based internationalization”, presentation, Q&A and visit • Library : “INSA Group, a set of shared values, initiatives and goals”, presentation, Q&A and visit
15:30–16:45	Hall Marie & Pierre Curie : Coffee break, networking and INSA schools’ booths expo
16:45–17:00	Group photo and closing remarks, Mr. Walter ESCOFFIER, Vice-President for International Relations, INSA Toulouse
17:00	Departure to the Victor Hugo Market (City Center) by bus