

## Dr. Mario Alberto Rodríguez Casas

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He is the current General Director of the National Polytechnic Institute (IPN). Originally from *San Buenaventura, Coahuila*. He completed his high school studies at the IPN Center of Scientific and Technological Studies No. 6 “Miguel Othón de Mendizábal”. He is a Biochemical Engineer by the National School of Biological Sciences (ENCB) of the National Polytechnic Institute. He has a Master’s degree and a PhD in Science specializing in Biochemistry from the IPN, he holds a Master’s degree in Management and University Policy from the Polytechnic University of *Cataluña*, he also holds a Diploma in Senior Management by the Universities of Nebrija and Polytechnic of *Cataluña*. He obtained the teaching Performance Grant and was honored with the award in recognition of the Best Postgraduate Thesis of the IPN in the Health area.

His career in the IPN dates back to 1987, where he served as the head of the Department of Biochemistry by the Division of Medical-Biological Sciences and the Academic Design Division and Educational Research, he also served as a Director of the National School of Biological Sciences, in where he held his last position. In addition, he was the Director of the Professional Studies in Medical-Biological Sciences. He also served as the Director of Planning and Organization, and he had the position of Technical Secretary and the secretary of the Administration.

In his academic journey he has directed and advised bachelor theses, as well as being synodal in a large number of times, He has coordinated and taught seminars and short courses inside and outside of the institution. He has participated in evaluation boards of awards and projects, guides and programs.

Mario Alberto Rodríguez Casas has been an undergraduate and postgraduate professor at the IPN, at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and the Autonomous Metropolitan University (UAM). He is a researcher in the field of genetic engineering and the advanced cancer immunotherapy, author of five books, he has been a speaker at congresses, conferences, lectures in national and international forums.

As a public servant, he has held the positions of Director of Finance and Administration of the Mexican Petroleum Institute (IMP) and the Director of Administration and Finance of the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT).

He is a member of the Mexican University Association of Continuing Education, the International Association of Management and University Policy and a member of the Mexican College of Biochemical Engineers.