Research and Innovation: Crossing fundamental approaches and applications

IMT Atlantique is ranked among the Top 400 Technological Universities in the world (Times Higher Education world University ranking). From the fundamental to the applied, by combining disciplinary research conducted in the fields of digital sciences, engineering sciences, physics and management, and work at the interfaces of these disciplines, IMT Atlantique responds to the major challenges facing companies and society through innovation and the development of knowledge by integrating socio-economic aspects.

This knowledge feeds the excellence of IMT Atlantique's teaching and enables the development of generic skills in engineering, master and doctoral courses.
**Strong partnerships**

With this ambition in mind, IMT Atlantique maintains **strong partnerships with numerous socio-economic players** (large groups, SMEs, SMIs) covering a wide range of sectors of activity, as well as with regional development players (Brittany and Pays de la Loire regions, technological research institutes and competitiveness clusters). These partnerships can lead to industrial chairs or **joint laboratories**.

IMT Atlantique is developing a policy of transferring research results based on families of patents, software, prototypes and technical or service platforms. In this spirit of transferring research to companies, IMT Atlantique is a stakeholder in the first two **academic Carnot Institutes, MINES and TSN**, which provide it with the means to develop its industrial contracting policy and replenish its fundamental research. The transfer of research is also supported by the **IMT Atlantique incubator**, which encourages the creation of start-ups from its laboratories.

**Academic research cooperation agreements**

As a resolutely active technological university, IMT Atlantique has signed **academic research cooperation agreements** with numerous national and international universities and research organizations. In particular, it is strongly involved in Joint Research Units, Laboratories of Excellence and Scientific Interest Groups. It also supports international mobility programs for researchers and PhD students and hosts international research consortia (chaires).

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