

Press Release

Airbus expands global partner university network to deliver digital skills for the future

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Zhuhai, 7 November 2018 – The 3-day annual meeting of the Airbus Global University Partner Programme opened in Zhuhai, China on 5 November, running alongside the International China Airshow, being held from November 6 to November 11. The annual meeting gathers over 80 university and Airbus delegates with the aim of exploring innovative ways to develop the competencies required by the aerospace industry and to build a better talent pipeline from partner universities into Airbus.

On this occasion, three universities signed a formal partnership to join the network on 7th November at the Airshow: The University of Sydney, Australia, Centrale Supélec, France and MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), USA. These leading global institutions will work with Airbus and the existing 22 partners, to share information on key competencies and the development of engineering leaders, experts and emerging technology innovators of the future.

“Technology is evolving extremely rapidly, so global cooperation and partnerships like what we have with the AGUPP are increasingly important,” said Thierry Baril, Airbus Chief Human Resources Officer, who is driving the programme. “To remain a leader in aerospace we must attract the brightest minds from the most innovative universities worldwide and we believe working closely with our partners can help us to do that.”

Airbus is always keen to attract a diverse range of individuals and competencies from around the world, and there is particular emphasis on digital skills needed for cyber security, data analytics, and the development of artificial intelligence in the company’s current recruitment plans. With over 5,000 early-career opportunities across the globe, Airbus offers a great diversity of growth opportunities to innovative students worldwide.

For more information, read about Airbus’ commitment to education online or find out more about AGUPP in the [2017 AGUPP Annual Report](#).

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