

What is the Prometeo Project?

The **Prometeo Project** is an initiative integrated to the Ecuadorian national plan for the creation of a knowledge-based social economy. Its goal is to strengthen research, teaching and knowledge transference in six fields of priority:

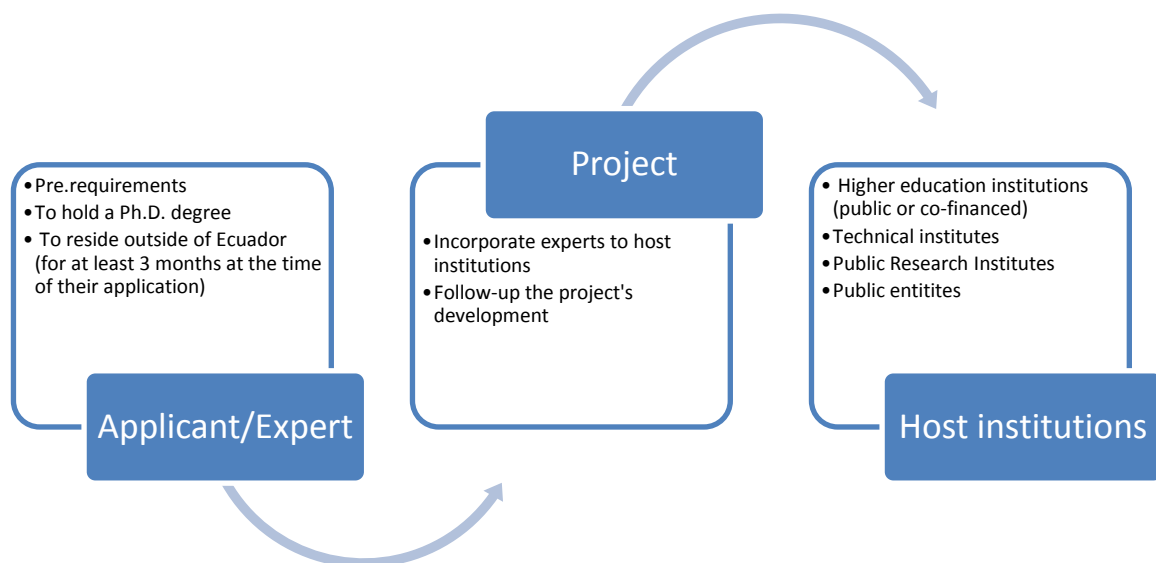
- Sciences of production and innovation
- Natural Resources
- Life Sciences
- Educational Sciences
- Pure Sciences
- Art & Culture

Who are the Prometeos?

They are high level Ecuadorian or foreign experts (Ph.D) with broad experiences in their fields of study who arrive to Ecuador in order to develop a research or academic project in Ecuadorian host institutions. Their projects contemplate stays between 2 to 12 months (not necessarily in consecutive periods) and function as a grand awarded by the Secretariat of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation of Ecuador.

The program is aimed at the generation of projects with a high impact on Ecuador that contribute to achieve the goals set in the National Plan of Good Living (<http://bit.ly/WKtmFG>). According to these objectives, the experts may be incorporated to the host institution for a second and, exceptionally, a third stay within the country.

Which players integrate the Project?



Categories of Prometeos:

Academics: Prometeos mainly dedicated to academic activities (classwork, workshops, curricular design, etc.)

Researchers: Prometeos mainly dedicated to a research Project that contemplates knowledge transference with complementary academic activities.

Evaluation criteria

- Projects led as head researcher
- Publications (books, book's chapters, indexed papers)
- Awards concerning their field of study
- Years of faculty activity
- Experience in the management of research centers (for researchers)
- Thesis tutoring
- Patent registration (for researchers)
- Letters of recommendation

Activities in Ecuador

- To execute a research or academic project
- To teach and/or transfer knowledge
- To foster research networks
- To train national research and/or academic teams
- To give support in the editing and publication of papers and books
- To publish the results of their Project
- To organize events such as workshops, seminars, conferences, etc.
- To evaluate research projects, academic programs and participate in the assessment of higher education institutions

What are the benefits of becoming a Prometeo?

- Living expenses: from USD 2,000 to USD 6,000 every month depending on the category obtained during the evaluation
- Airfare: up to USD 3,000 roundtrip from your home country to Ecuador and back
- Initial accommodation: USD 300 for the first days of your stay
- Housing: up to USD 500 every month for during 6 months of your stay
- Health and life insurance: up to USD 2,500 for one year
- Supplies and scientific visits: up to USD 4,000 for the project's development and USD 2,000 for academics.

How to become a Prometeo?

1. Online application
 - a. Application through an online platform and submission of documents at:

prometeo.educacionsuperior.gob.ec
2. Determination of a host institution (2 kinds of applications):
 - a. The host institutions select a profile for the project's development from a pull of pre-selected candidates, who have approved the evaluation.
 - b. In the case of applicants who have had previous contact with a host institution, they may apply directly for that institution on the online system.
3. Elaboration and submission of the proposal
 - a. Once they've been assigned to a host institution, both the applicant and the host institution develop a joint work proposal that will be submitted to a evaluating committee composed by SENESCYT authorities, who will determine the impact and pertinence of the Project.
4. Incorporation
 - a. With the approved proposal, the Prometeo will receive assistance to prepared his/her arrival to Ecuador.

Why Ecuador?

There are countless reasons to visit Ecuador and become a Prometeo:

- And educational system under an on-going transformation and reformed institutions
- 11 public research institutes in different fields of study
- A project to change the country's productive matrix in search for technological innovations
- The chance to research at one of the 17 most biodiverse countries in the world
- A multicultural State with 15 indigenous nationalities
- A political project that aimed at human talent as a source of development

For further information regarding the Project and its Prometeos, enter:

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