



The Prometeo Project

Ecuador is going through various changes and transformations at many levels. In order to rush this process, it is essential that the knowledge transformation of the society, where investigation and education are considered fundamental.

The Prometeo Project is an initiative that looks to promote and strengthen education, scientific investigation, innovation and technological development in strategic areas in the country. This Project contemplates that foreign specialists with a wide, well known experience in their particular area of study, technology, innovation and productivity, take up their residence in Ecuador. Also, the Prometeo Project aims to recover the Ecuadorian talents that are currently living in foreign countries and offers local incentives for them to return.

In addition, they must possess exceptional skills, new perspectives, practical experience, the ability to interact in intercultural and diverse environments, and most importantly, they must be committed to contribute to Ecuador's scientific and productive development.

The process to become a Prometeo has a few stages:

i) Every scientist or researcher who is interested in participating in the Project, regardless of his/her citizenship, who wishes to contribute with his or her knowledge to Ecuador's development should apply through our website prometeo.senescyt.gob.ec.

ii) Once the online application has been submitted, it is rated under a technical scale system. Those applications that have attain the required score qualify to continue with the next stage.

After the researchers have agreed to take part in the proposed plan, and their application is complete, their candidacy will be studied by the Prometeo Selection Commission.





Based on their profile and scientific / research project plan, this Commission will decide whether or not the application fits the country's needs according to the priorities and standards set by the NSTP and the requirements of the participating public entities.

Requirements

Scientists / researchers interested in taking part in one of Ecuador's most ambitious projects must:

- Have a PhD degree in areas related to education, science and technology, from world class Universities.
- Have produced scientific research within related areas to his/her proposed project.
- Have participated as lead researcher or project coordinator of scientific or technological projects.
- Have been awarded scholarships, grants, prizes or other recognition for his/her scientific work.
- Not be an Ecuadorian resident at the time the application is submitted.

How does the selection process work?

- A shortlist of those candidates who have applied online and comply with all the requirements is drawn up.
- These pre-selected candidates are linked with an Ecuadorian Institution in which they could develop their research. The candidate can also suggest an Institution with which he/she would like to establish a relationship.
- This institution, together with the pre-selected candidate must develop a strategic scientific / research project plan, in accordance to the time period that he/she will be residing in the country.
- Once all these documents are ready, the Selection Commission will evaluate the admission of each individual case.





Table of unit costs

Specification	*Foreign and Ecuadorian researchers	
	Senior	Junior
Airfare (round trip)	3.000,00	3.000,00
Accommodations (\$500 per month, up to 6 months)	3.000,00	3.000,00
Professional fees (per month)	6.000,00	4.320,00
Health and life insurance	2.500,00	2.500,00
Scientific visits	2.000,00	2.000,00
Supplies	2.000,00	2.000,00

**In both cases, researchers must reside outside of Ecuador.*

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