



# *Ateneo Call*

*Generating new ways to learn*



**PROMETEO**  
Investigación Formación Desarrollo

Secretaría de  
Educación Superior,  
Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación



## What is the Ateneo Call?

The Ateneo Call is a special program of the Secretariat of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation within the Prometeo Project. Its goal is to **temporarily fulfill the faculty needs of Higher Education Institutions** in order to contribute to Ecuador's development in specialized fields of knowledge:

- Life sciences
- Basic sciences
- Production + innovation
- Natural resources
- Educational sciences
- Social sciences
- Art & Culture

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## Why Ateneo?

In ancient Greece, the “atheneum” was a place for the exchange of knowledge. This word – whose root is the Greek goddess Athena, one of the major symbols of wisdom - represents our ideal: to transform Ecuadorian university classrooms into spaces where knowledge can be exchanged and constructed.

## Activities of the Ateneo in Ecuador

- To execute the approved academic project
- To perform teaching activities
- To foster the development of national & international cooperation networks
- To train national faculty
- To get involved in the design and improvement of academic curricula
- To support the review and publication of papers and books
- To advise thesis projects
- To organize academic events such as seminars, workshops, congresses, etc.

## Who are the Ateneos?

The Ateneos are – **Ecuadorian or foreign** - high level experts (Ph.D. or Masters) with a broad experience in teaching activities, who reside abroad and arrive to Ecuador to develop academic projects and transfer their knowledge at: **universities & polytechnic schools (public or co-financed), technical & technological institutes.**

The projects contemplate terms from **2 to 12 months** (not necessarily in consecutive periods) and work as a grant. There is also the possibility of a second incorporation.

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## What are the incentives to become an Ateneo?

**Living expenses:** from USD 2,000 to USD 3,700

**Airfare:** up to USD 3,000, round-trip from your country of residency to Ecuador and back

**Initial accommodation:** USD 300 (to cover the expenses of your first days in Ecuador)

**Housing:** up to USD 500 monthly for 6 months of your stay

**Health & life insurance:** up to USD 2,500

**Supplies & academic visits:** complementary budget of up to USD 2,000.

\* With the exception of living expenses and initial accommodation, these benefits are paid as reimbursements.

## **How to become an Ateneo?**

### **Pre-requirements:**

- To hold a Ph.D. degree
- To hold a Master's degree (for activities at technical & technological institutes only)
- To reside abroad (at the time of your application)

### **Evaluation Criteria**

1. Publications (books, book's chapters, papers in indexed journals)
2. Years of teaching experience at universities
3. Recognitions (regarding your teaching activities)
4. Experience in academic management
5. Participation in academic innovation projects, thesis tutoring, and academic or scientific events as key note speakers

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## **How to apply?**

Enter your information at our webpage:  
[prometeo.educacionsuperior.gob.ec](http://prometeo.educacionsuperior.gob.ec)



**01**

\*Remember to select the category *academic*.

Once you've successfully passed our evaluation, your profile will be put to the consideration of Ecuadorian host institution that will choose the ideal candidate according to their needs and/or ongoing projects.

**02**

\*In case you've had previous contact with an institution, you may report it during your online application.

You must develop a joint work proposal with your host institution that will be submitted to an Evaluation Committee, which will determine its impact and pertinence.

**03**

Once your proposal is approved, you will receive assistance for the logistics of your arrival to Ecuador.

**04**



## **Why Ecuador?**

The chance to visit one of the 17 most biodiverse countries in the world.

A pluri cultural State with 18 indigenous nationalities.

An educational system in transformation with new and reformed institutions.

Four new universities in focused fields of study: Ikiam (bioknowledge), University of Fine Arts, University of Education and Yachay (technological development).

Reform and creation of technical and technological institutes oriented to the transformation of the Ecuadorian productive matrix.

A political Project focused on the training of human talent with an investment of 2.0% of the GDP in higher education.



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