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# ATENEO CALL



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The concept for a «new nation», promoted by the Ecuadorian government, places the training of human talent as a foundation for development.

To trigger this transformation, several actions have been set in motion to promote higher education, science & technology as a platform to achieve **Good Living.**

## Transformation of the higher education

**2.0%** of **GDP** invested in education

Increase of **academic's salary**

Creation of an **organic law** for higher education

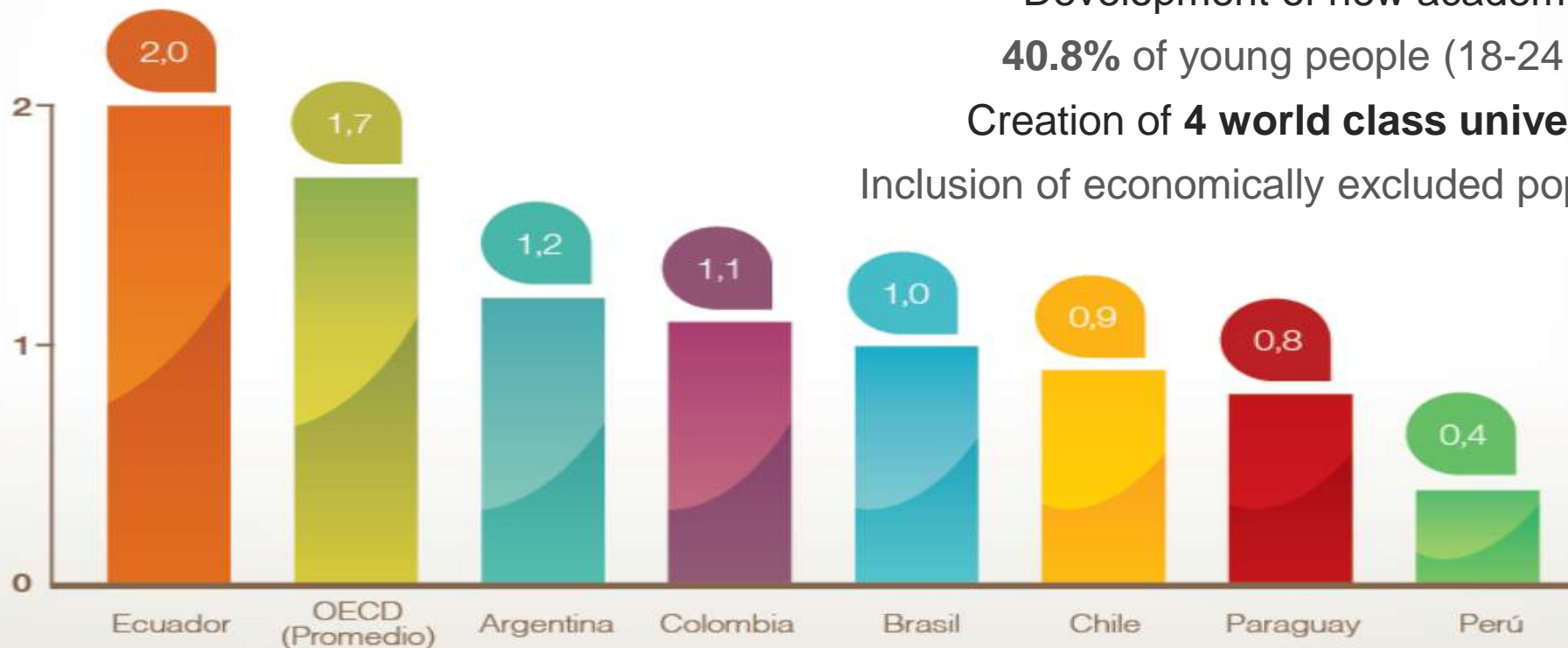
**Quality regulation** of the higher education institutions

Development of new academic offer for **technical education**

**40.8%** of young people (18-24 years) access higher education

Creation of **4 world class universities** in specific fields of study

Inclusion of economically excluded populations through **scholarships**



Public investment in Higher Education,  
GDP % - Source: Ministerio de Finanzas  
de Ecuador



## *What is Ateneo?*

The **Ateneo** Call is a special program under the **Prometeo Project** and the Secretariat of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation.

Its **goal** is to fulfill the faculty needs of **higher education institutions** and to contribute to Ecuador's development in specialized priority fields of knowledge.

### *Why Ateneo?*

*In ancient Greece, the "Athenaeum" was a place for the exchange of knowledge. Our ideal is to transform Ecuadorian university classrooms into spaces where knowledge is exchanged and constructed.*

## *How does the Ateneo Call works?*

The Ateneo Call **incorporates** - Ecuadorian or foreign - **high level experts** (who reside abroad) to host institutions for the development of **academic and knowledge transference projects** in Ecuador.

- Works as a grant
- Terms from **2 months** up to **1 year** (not necessarily in consecutive periods)
- Possibility of a **second** incorporation.





## Who are the Ateneos?

*High level experts dedicated to an academic project in specialized fields of knowledge.*

### Requirements:

- To reside abroad
- To hold a Ph.D. or Master's Degree

### Criteria of evaluation

- Experience in teaching at Universities
- Direction of master's and doctoral's thesis
- Publications at index journals, books and chapters of books
- Awards and recognitions (concerning their teaching activities)
- Conferences and seminars as key note speaker
- Attendance of courses related to their specialization or teaching
- Experience in positions regarding academic management
- Research projects as lead researcher

## Who can host an Ateneo?



Universities (public & co-financed)

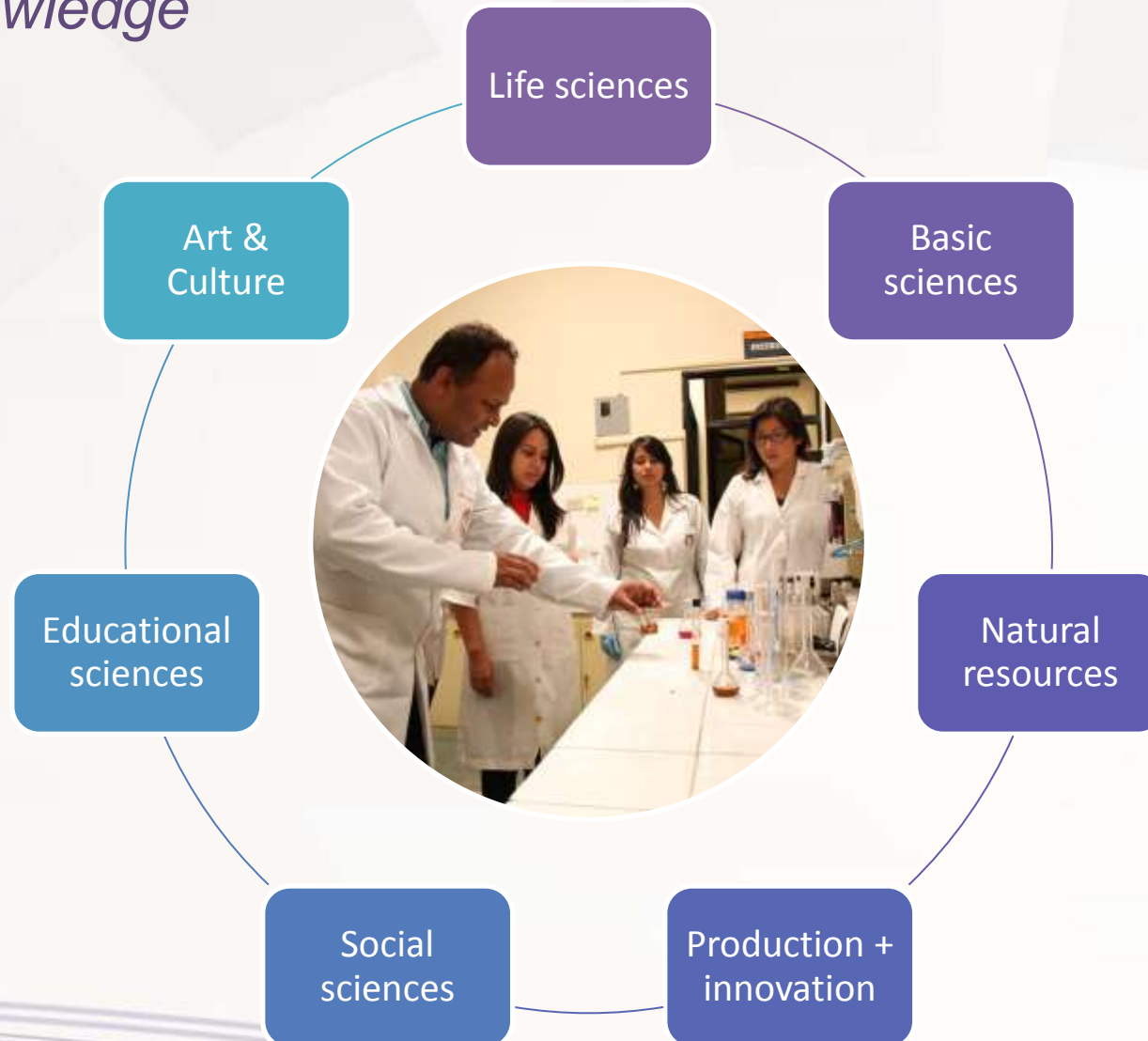


Polytechnic Schools (public & co-financed)



Technical & Technological Institutes

## *Fields of knowledge*














## *Activities in Ecuador*

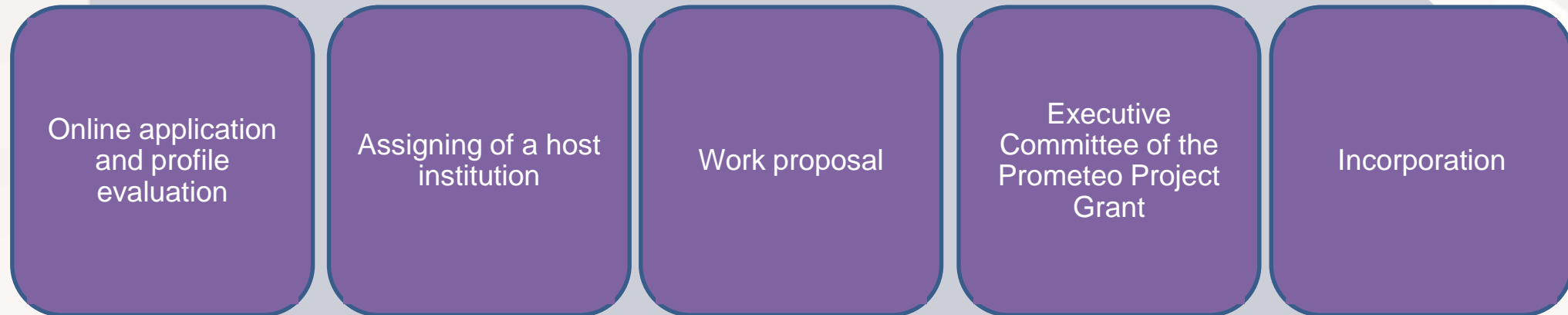
- To execute the approved academic project
- To perform teaching activities
- To foster the development of cooperation networks
- To train national faculty
- To get involved in the design and improvement of academic curricula
- To support the review and publication of papers and books
- To advice thesis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

## Benefits



-  Living expenses
-  Airfare
-  Initial accomodation
-  Housing
-  Health and life insurance
-  Academic visits
-  Supplies

## *How to become an Ateneo?*



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**«The future of the university  
begins with the professors»**

**María Ester González**



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**Nacionality:** Argentinian

**Area of specialty:** Ph.D. in Geographic Engineering, with a focus on education

**Host institution:** Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas (Army University)

**Project:** Program of research and teaching innovation applied to the field of Geomatics

**Description:**

- Training of research teams and faculty on the application of ICT's to the learning of Geomatics.
- Course: «New methodologies and technologies for the daily practice», use of online resources for students and faculty.
- Proposal for the creation of an educational innovation group.
- Involvement in projects of the Geographical Information Lab such as the development of a user-friendly database with land registry information and the «Virtual Campus» with Nueva Granada University (Colombia).

## Students and colleagues comment...

*«Our work didn't end at the classroom...  
she gave us her support 24/7»*

*Raquel Zafrnir  
(student 22 years old)*

*«María Ester planted the interest for  
research in her classes... that's the  
contribution of incorporating new  
professors with new visions and  
realities»*

*Oswaldo Padilla  
(lab director – Universidad de las Fuerzas  
Armadas)*



*«She gave us a vision of the future  
of geographical engineering and  
the evolving tools»*

*Harry Álvarez  
(student 22 years old)*

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