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.
A country towards excellence

**Transformation of the higher education**

2.0% of GDP invested in education

Increase in 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

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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

- Life sciences
- Basic sciences
- Natural resources
- Production + innovation
- Social sciences
- Educational sciences
- Art & Culture
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 accommodation
- Housing
- Health and life insurance
- Academic visits
- Supplies
How to become an Ateneo?

Process of incorporation

- Online application and profile evaluation
- Assigning of a host institution
- Work proposal
- Executive Committee of the Prometeo Project Grant
- Incorporation
The future of the university begins with the professors

María Ester González

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).
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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