What is the Prometeo Project?

The Prometeo Project is an initiative which is integrated into the national plan for the creation of a knowledge-based society. Its goal is to strengthen research, teaching and knowledge transference in specialized topics.

«To contribute in the transference of knowledge for the benefit of Ecuador by providing to host institutions with high-level experts specialized in teaching, innovation, research, science, and technology»

Prometeo Project Mission
How does Prometeo work?

The Prometeo Project incorporates Ecuadorian or foreign high-level experts who reside abroad to host institutions for the development of academic and/or research projects in Ecuador.

- Works as a grant
- Categories: academic & researcher
- Terms from 2 to 12 months (non-necessarily in consecutive periods)
- Opportunity for a second and, exceptionally, a third incorporation.
Host institutions

- Universities and polytechnic schools
- Technical institutes
- Public Research Institutes
- Other governmental institutions
Researchers

Prometeos who work in research or knowledge transference projects, with complementary academic activities.

Requirements

• To reside abroad
• To hold a Ph.D. degree

Evaluation criteria

1. Projects led as lead researcher
2. Indexed publications in *ISI Master Journal List*
3. Qualitative scientific production, calculated by the Hirsch index
4. Recognitions, awards for scientific work
5. Experience in management regarding their specialty
6. Patent register
7. Letters of reference, evaluated according to the H index of who submits them
**Academics**

Experts who work in academic activities such as: classes, lectures, workshops, curricula design, etc.

**Requirements**

- To reside abroad
- To hold a Ph.D. degree

**Evaluation criteria**

1. Publications (books, book’s chapters, papers in indexed journals)
2. Years of experience in teaching
3. Recognitions, awards for scientific/academic work
4. Experience in management regarding their specialty
5. Lectures at international conferences as key note speakers
Fields of study

- Basic Sciences
- Natural Resources
- Educational Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Art & Culture
- Production + Innovation
Activities in Ecuador

- To execute the **approved research or academic project**
- To **teach** and/or **transfer the knowledge**
- To foster the development of **research networks**
- To train **national research and/or academic teams**
- To support the **review and publication** of papers and books
- To **publish** the research’s results in scientific papers
- To organize **workshops, seminars and lectures**
- To promote the **relationships** between SENESCYT and other research institutions
- To participate in the **evaluation** of research projects, programs, careers and assessment of Higher Education Institutions
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Benefits by category

(total annual values)
Process of Incorporation
Online application

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2,728 applications processed up to June 2014
Online application

Enter the system  
(Create a username and password)

Select

Profile

Researcher

Academic

Fill out the form and upload documents

E-mail notice  
(Once the application is complete)

60 days to complete the application
Determination of a host institution and proposal development

- Institutional Application
- Individual application
- Search and determination of a host institution
- Development of a Project Proposal (applicant & host institution)
- Proposal evaluation by the Prometeo Project Grant Executive Committee
- Notice of incorporation

Assistance for the Prometeo’s arrival
Achievements
Approved Prometeos

830

Approved profiles up-to-date

- Incorporated: 342
- To be incorporated: 301
- Activities concluded: 187
Over 100 Prometeos
From 50 to 100 Prometeos
From 10 to 50 Prometeos
Under 10 Prometeos

Prometeos from nationalities

Results

70 Ecuadorians
Priority fields of knowledge for Ecuador’s development

Distribution per field of study

- Life Sciences: 27%
- Natural Resources: 22%
- Production + Innovation: 36%
- Basic Sciences: 6%
- Art & Culture: 5%
- Educational Sciences: 4%
Results

**Benefited institutions**

- **Ecuadorian institutions**: 105
- **85% of Prometeos in Higher Education Institutions and Public Research Institutes**

![Bar chart showing the distribution of Prometeos](chart.png)
Post-graduate programs

378

Post-graduate programs designed with the help of Prometeos
93,487 Ecuadorians trained by Prometeos

Results

Training

- Advised thesis: 1,047
- Lessons: 626
- Workshops: 3,007

4,680 training sessions

Creation of a research team with Ecuadorian and American expert to gather information about the *coptoborus ochromactonus* (new cockroach species) and its effects on wood production. Organization of workshops on the role of insects in water quality.
Discovery of a new virus on papaya plantations. Biogenetic map of the virus to reduce its impact and joint training to farmers with the National Research Institute of Agriculture. Extension of the study to other Ecuadorian emblematic fruits such as: blackberry, watermelon & melon.

Creation of public policies to establish new standards of scientific research in Ecuador. Training of public research institutes directos and higher education authorities regarding the planning of scientific projects under the result-based management model.
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