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## **PROMETEO PROJECT PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

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The Prometeo Project is an initiative of the Ecuadorian government, which aims to strengthen research and teaching capacities in Ecuador, as well as knowledge transfer in specialized topics.

It targets Ecuadorian and foreign professionals with a wide, well-known experience in their area of study, in order for them to come to Ecuador to develop academic and scientific projects in several host institutions.

### **Pre- requirements:**

1. PhD degree \*
2. To reside abroad at the time of the application

\* A Master degree is accepted for academics who will work exclusively in technical and technological institutes

### **Evaluation criteria:**

1. Project leadership experience
2. Indexed publications in journals, individual and collective books
3. Recognitions, awards for scientific/academic work
4. Experience in teaching and / or knowledge transfer activities.
5. Lectures at international conferences as key note speaker

### **Prometeo's responsibilities**

- a. To develop the research/academic/knowledge transfer project.
- b. To foster the development of research networks.
- c. To train Ecuadorian teams in the designing and implementation of projects and new research techniques.
- d. To assist in the review and publication of scientific articles.
- e. To publish the results of their work.
- f. To prepare workshops, seminars and presentations.

### **Potential areas of research or academic work**

- Life sciences
- Natural resource sciences
- Production and innovation sciences

- Social and behavioral sciences

### Host institutions

The Prometeos can develop their research or academic work at:

- Universities and polytechnics schools (public and co-financed)
- Technical and technological institutes
- Public research institutes
- Ecuadorian public sector entities
- Prioritized productive sectors

### Categories

At the moment of the on-line application the applicant would be able to choose between the categories of Research and Teaching, according to his/her expertise and the area he/she would like to develop his/her work.

Prometeos researchers would develop a research projects and if they wish may be related part-time into knowledge transfer activities.

Prometeos teachers will be linked full-time in academic and knowledge transfer activities.

### Conditions of incorporation

The Prometeo researcher/teacher is incorporated through a scholarship contract signed with Senescyt. The visa (for those staying more than three months) is obtained in Ecuador with the support of the Prometeo Project team, as well as other documents that regularize your stay in the country. Expenses are covered by the Project via refund.

Benefits:

| Benefits  | US\$   |
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| Maintenance (per month)                         | From 2,000 to 6,000<br>(depending on the experience) |
| Airfare (round trip, on time)                   | 3,000  |
| Accommodations (\$500 per month up to 6 months) | 3,000  |
| Health and life insurance per scholarship       | 2,500  |
| Scientific visits per scholarship               | 2,000  |
| Supplies per scholarship                        | 2,000  |

## **Length of stay**

The length of your stay in Ecuador may be from 2 months minimum up to 12 months. These periods could be consecutive or by intervals. The length of your stay will depend on the time required to develop the project and your availability. Once your scholarship is over there is a possibility of a second term.

## **The application process requires the following steps:**

1. Individual or institutional application through our website:  
<http://postulaprometeo.educacionsuperior.gob.ec/Prometeo/inicio.do>

The applicant must choose between the categories of researching or teaching according to their expertise.

2. Applicant's profile evaluation by the project's technical area.
3. Additional data collection to evaluate the applicant's profile, if necessary.
4. Determination of the public institutions that will host and work with the applicant.
5. Development of the project proposal by the applicant and the host institution. Terms of dates and activities should be agreed upon by the applicant and the institution.
6. Presentation of the applicant's candidacy, the host institution and project proposal to the Prometeo Executive Selection Committee. It meets once a month.
7. Once the nomination is approved the process for your incorporation to the Prometeo Project will start.