

LIPAD Atenista 2023 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is your party's main mission or goal?

Our party, LIPAD Atenista, is all about getting Ateneans like you involved in shaping our community and our society. Our main goal is to help you become a leader and citizen who's not afraid to speak up about important issues, get involved in making positive changes, and work with others to make sure everyone's voice is heard. We do this by supporting fair policies, encouraging open conversations, and coming together to make a difference in our community, both here at Ateneo and in the wider world

2. What are the core values of your party?

LIPAD Atenista has five core principles:

- **Recognition of Diversity:** We think it's essential to celebrate and respect our differences. At Ateneo, we're a diverse bunch, and that's a great thing. We want to make sure everyone feels welcome and valued, no matter who they are. We talk openly about diversity and inclusion because it's crucial to create a community where everyone can thrive.
- **Protection of Equality:** We believe everyone should have the same chance to succeed, no matter where they come from or their circumstances. But we also know that there are unfair obstacles in the way for some people. So, we're all about breaking down those barriers and making sure everyone has an equal shot at success.
- **Commitment to Empowerment:** We think you should have the power to shape your own life and make a positive impact on your community. But sometimes, there are things holding you back. We're here to help remove those roadblocks and support you in making a difference.
- **Upholding Good Governance:** We're all about making sure our leaders listen to us and make decisions based on facts and what's best for the community. We believe in using research and data to guide our policies and make sure our government acts ethically and transparently.
- **Call to Active Citizenship:** We believe it's important for all of us to be active in our communities and have a say in how things are run. Being a good citizen means taking part in the democratic process and working together to make our society better for everyone.

3. What specific policies or initiatives does your party support?/What is your party's stance on [specific issue]?

We're currently in the process of developing well-informed stances on a variety of issues affecting both our university and the wider Filipino community. Our approach prioritizes thorough research, data-driven proposals, and a commitment to our core principles, especially those rooted in Filipino social democracy. We're working diligently to create a platform of policies and initiatives that truly

reflect the needs and aspirations of our community. If you choose to become a member, you can be involved in the formation of these stances. Nonetheless, stay tuned for our upcoming announcements and releases as we progress in shaping our vision for a better future together.

4. How can I get involved with your party?

There are three different levels of membership, each according to the amount of commitment and work you can put into the party:

- **Supporting members** are those who want to promote the party's activities and goals but may not have the time or resources to commit to more active involvement. Supporting members should promote the publicity materials, provide networking opportunities, and receive regular updates on the party's activities and accomplishments.
- **Active members** are open to all students who are interested in the party's platform and goals. Active members would be expected to attend meetings and events, participate in party activities, organize events, and serve on committees. Before officially becoming an active member, one must undergo training sessions as prepared by the Education and Training.
- **Leadership membership** is the highest level of membership and is reserved for members who have demonstrated exceptional commitment and leadership within the party. Leadership members are responsible for overseeing specific aspects of the party's operations and administration, such as fundraising, communications, or outreach, and have a greater role in setting the party's agenda and strategy.

5. What events or activities does your party organize?

LIPAD Atenista plans to participate in various events and activities, both within and beyond Ateneo. You can expect us to organize engaging events like town hall meetings, workshops, and community service initiatives. We're dedicated to advocating for policies that matter to you, running impactful political campaigns, and actively engaging with the community to make a positive difference. Plus, we're committed to providing political education that's grounded in the needs of the Filipino people. So, there are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved and be part of the change!

6. Do I need to be a member to attend your events?

Most of the events we are planning are open to all students, regardless of membership status. We encourage everyone to join our events and learn more about us. However, some events are reserved for members only, such as our General Assemblies.

7. What's the process for becoming a member?

Becoming a member of LIPAD Atenista is a journey, and we're here to support you every step of the way. It all starts with our welcoming orientation program, where we get to know each other and

provide guidance to ensure you're never alone in this process. Once you've attended the orientation, you'll have the opportunity to complete the application form and participate in an enriching political education session. To wrap things up, we invite you to join a final focus group discussion. This process might seem thorough, but it's designed to make sure you feel connected, informed, and confident as a member of our community.

TL;DR:

- Attend the orientation program
- Submit the application form
- Participate in the political education session
- Join the focus group discussion

8. Is there a membership fee?

No, there is no membership fee this year!

9. What role can I play as a party member?

You have a variety of roles to choose from based on your interests and skills. Your unique talents and passions have a place in shaping our party's future. In our first year of operations, we're focusing on three key areas: (1) building our internal organization, (2) developing our platform and policies, and (3) fostering relationships with our constituents.

- If you're into organizational development, you can help set up our internal processes and assist with party registration.
- If crafting solutions and researching issues excite you, consider contributing to our platform and policy development.
- If building strong community ties is your forte, you can play a vital role in cultivating relationships within our community, including fellow students, organizations, offices, and other stakeholders.

10. How can I provide feedback or share my ideas with your party?

We welcome your feedback and ideas! If you're an aspiring member, our recruitment process is designed to collect your input as we welcome you into our community. If you're not an aspiring member, you can easily reach out to our Party President, Justin Altubar, via his Facebook account ([fb.com/vinseyyyatwork](https://www.facebook.com/vinseyyyatwork)) or his OBF email (justin.altubar@obf.ateneo.edu).

11. How transparent is your party about its decisions and finances?

Our commitment to transparency is a cornerstone of our Party Constitution and Code of Internal Party Governance. We have clear provisions that include disclosing our donors, preparing financial

reports, and regularly updating members on significant party matters. Keeping members engaged and involved is at the core of how we operate.

12. Does your party have plans for community service or volunteering?

Yes, we plan to be actively involved in community service, service learning, and volunteering. However, the party's priority for its first year is to establish our foundations as an organization so that it's sustainable in the long run.

13. Is your party affiliated with any external organizations or political entities?

No, LIPAD Atenista is an Atenean-led, social democratic political party. We are proudly an independent party and do not have affiliations with external organizations or political entities.

14. Does your party have a constitution or bylaws?

Yes, we've crafted a constitution that outlines our party's structure and rules, a result of thoughtful discussions with our founding members spanning nearly two months. From this constitution, we've developed the Code of Internal Party Governance, detailing how our party operates. Both of these documents are available to everyone for review.

15. Can I join your party even if I don't attend all your events or meetings?

Yes! Attendance is not mandatory, especially for supporting members. However, take note that you have to join at least one General Assembly as a member and that there is a greater level of expectation to participate and commit as you move up your level of membership.

16. What measures does your party take to prevent discrimination or harassment within the organization?

We have a zero-tolerance policy for discrimination or harassment and take immediate action to address any issues. Our Code of Internal Party Governance provides the guidelines and measures that the party will take to foster a safe space within the organization. Moreover, we are committed to cooperating with the Sanggunian, Gender Hub, Office of Student Services, Office of Student Discipline, and other relevant stakeholders in promoting a culture of respect in the party.