

FREDDIE ALMAZAN | RIO DE JANEIRO, 2014

- Graduated from University of California, Los Angeles
- Acquired Portuguese language skills
- Gained professional experience by volunteering as an English instructor at Proyeto Parque Vivo and Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro



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During his experience as a volunteer English Instructor in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Freddie acquired a broad range of experiences he had previously not expected. He obtained the ability to work effectively with a wide range of students and professors of various backgrounds, he improved his knowledge of the Portuguese language, and he developed a forever lasting belonging within the Brazilian community. It was because of this life changing experience that Freddie chose to continue improving his Portuguese language speaking skills upon his return to the U.S., to pursue a career working with the low-income community, and to persevere towards opening his own non-profit organization.

In his own words, Freddie believes that his experience abroad initiated a chain of events that set the foundation for a beautiful and wonderful life. It is because of the insights that he gained from his experience abroad that he wishes to work as a writer and a speaker, in addition to running an NGO, in order to share his experience, speak to the hearts of his listeners and initiate a movement that will allow others to gain the same insights and experiences that he has.

“I cannot emphasize enough how my Study Abroad experience changed my life. My experience abroad gave me a sense of confidence and reassured me that I can overcome any obstacle that comes my way.”



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