The Education Abroad Program office wants to hear about your experience abroad! Tell us about your experience by filling out the Return Student Report for Exchanges/Summer Programs. Your feedback will be used to help improve programs and services for future students and be a valuable resource for future students who are interested in studying abroad.

The Return Student Report consists of two parts:

- Part A: Participant Information
- Part B: Internship Information

Part A will not be made public. Part B will be made public and available online to future students interested in learning more about the education abroad process and program. Education Abroad Program will preserve your anonymity by not revealing your name or any personal details.

### Part A

#### Participant Information

Please provide the following information.

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<td>Student Status:</td>
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**Part B**

**Exchange/Summer Program Information**

Please provide the following details related to your Education Abroad Program.

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<th>Host Institution:</th>
<th>University of Alberta/UFPR/PUC</th>
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<td>City/Town:</td>
<td>Curitiba</td>
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<td>Country:</td>
<td>Brazil</td>
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<td>Exchange/Summer Program Period:</td>
<td>From: 05/05/2014 (mm/dd/yyyy) To: 08/23/2014 (mm/dd/yyyy)</td>
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Did you participate on an internship during your exchange/summer program?
- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

What immigration documents (e.g. study visa, residence permits etc.) are required to study at your host institution?
- VISA, police interview registration, RNE

What issues (if any) did you encounter while obtaining these immigration documents?
- Time consuming, lack of information, no mention beforehand

What tips would you give to future students regarding their student visa and other required immigration documents?
- Apply for a VISA early and make sure to prepare yourself for an extra charge (for the RNE) if you stay for a long period of time.

**Languages**

What was the language(s) of instruction at your host institution? *Check all that apply*
- [ ] Arabic
- [ ] Cantonese
- [x] English
- [ ] French
- [ ] German
- [ ] Spanish
- [ ] Mandarin
- [ ] Japanese
- [x] Other: Portuguese

Were there any adequate course offerings taught in English for your field of study?
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] N/A

Prior to your departure, did you take any language courses at your home institution? If yes, what courses (e.g. FREN 111) did you take?
- No

How did taking a class in another language (that was not your first language) impact your learning experience? Did you instructor make any accommodations?
- N/A
Academia

What arrangements regarding pre-approval of credit transfer were you able to arrange with your faculty before leaving on your program?

N/A

Please describe the course registration process at your host institution.

- Were you able to pre-register in Canada?
- Did you receive any assistance from your host institution?
- Did your course registration change upon arrival? If so, why?)

N/A

Please describe your academic plan (e.g. number of courses per term, course name etc.).

Please describe the credit and grading system at your host institution.

N/A

How was your overall academic experience (e.g. teaching style, class structure and sizes, amount of coursework, assessment) in comparison to your home institution?

I enjoyed the small class sizes.

How did you obtain a transcript for coursework completed at your host institution?

N/A
**Student Services**

Please describe the type of facilities (e.g. library, internet/Wi-Fi access, computer labs, bookstore, health clinic, counseling services) available at your host institution.

Wi-Fi is available at CELIN. The Wi-Fi at the UFPR location was unaccessible for us.

To the best of your knowledge, what support and services are available at your host institution for:
- Students with disabilities or special needs
- Students identifying as LGBTQ
- Students of visible minorities

Not sure.

Please describe where you could find exchange student advising or receive academic counseling at your host institution.

Not sure.

**Housing Information**

To the best of your knowledge, what housing options are available to students?

Homestays arranged through REI Curitiba.

What type of housing did you stay in?

- [ ] On-campus residences
- [x] Off-campus housing
- [ ] With a host family
- [ ] Other:

How satisfied were you with your housing choice?

1 = Not at all satisfied 2 3 4 5 = Very satisfied

What should future students be aware of when choosing on-campus residences?

- Application process for housing
- Utilities and furniture
- Meal plans, cooking facilities
- Housing rules (e.g. curfew, how early can you move in, closure during major holidays etc.)
- Assistance from host institution staff (e.g. airport pick-up, orientation)

Request for a homestay that cooks; some students were given homestay families that provided them with meals, while others were left to fend for themselves (at around the same cost for both types of homestay families).

What should future students be aware of when choosing off-campus housing?

- Lease agreements, deposits, tenant rights
- Utilities and furniture
- Location and neighbourhoods
- Safety and security
- Type of resources available to look for housing (eg: Craigslist)

It may be difficult to find accommodation on your own because there are various documents required that only Brazilians possess such as CPF (although it is possible to obtain a CPF later on).
Student Life
What would you recommend to future students who are looking to meet other students at your host institution? (e.g. extra-curricular activities such as student groups, intramurals, residence events and activities, volunteering opportunities, etc.)

Contact REI Curitiba and attend the events that they host.

What work or internship opportunities are available for students on and/or off campus?
Internship is a component of the e3 Brazil program.

Health and Safety
Are there any specific health/safety issues that future students should be made aware of? What precautions can you recommend to mitigate or eliminate these issues?

Be cautious on the streets when it gets dark; use common sense.

Did your host institution require a mandatory travel/health insurance plan for exchange students? How did you arrange this?
Yes; I got it.

Cultural Adaptation
What cultural differences (if any) did you find particularly challenging?
I did not find the cultural differences challenging.

What parts of your host country’s culture did you most appreciate?
I enjoyed the food.
Costs and Budgeting
Please describe your basic costs in Canadian dollars. This will help future exchange/summer program students plan their own budgets.

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<td>Airfare to host country</td>
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It costs R$2.70 ($1.35 CAD) per use - although a bit cheaper on Sundays.

What unexpected costs did you encounter?
Registration with the federal police to attain an RNE document (very unexpected and we were not informed about this).

Funding your International Experience
Please indicate how you financed your program. This will help future students plan their own budgets. Check all that apply.

- Scholarships from UAlberta
- Scholarships from Host Institution
- Student loans
- Family contributions
- Personal savings
- Employment while in host country
- Other:

Final Thoughts
What were some highlights of your experience abroad?
I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Brazil. The culture, food, nature, scenery, beaches, and people were all aspects that I liked.

Would you recommend your internship program to other students? Why or why not?
Depends. In reference to the internship portion of the e3 to Brazil program, I would not recommend it. However, I would definitely recommend the language component with CELIN and also the course work component with Odile Cisneros (or another professor if it changes). I would also recommend Brazil as a study abroad destination. The internship portion of the program, on the other hand, was very unorganized and none of my requirements were met.

Please provide any final information/tips for students interested in studying abroad that you would like to share.
Make the most of your experience because time goes by quickly.