

Gradually, we accommodate what we have studied and use it to make new decisions or plans. In the future, I would like to be not only a successful professional but also a culturally rich person. Since I was a teenager I dreamed of traveling the world to experience new cultures and lifestyles, but I knew that was not possible because of my family's financial situation. However, when I managed to get a full scholarship at Insper I realized that my dream was achievable.

Living alone in São Paulo for the first time in my life has been one of my biggest challenges. I had to do things on my own and adapt quickly to a new reality in which I didn't know anyone while studying in a top-level University. Nowadays, two years later, I can say that it was one of the best things that ever happened in my life.

While studying Business Administration at Insper I have gained a lot, both in a professional and personal sense. Right on in my first semester, I had the opportunity to become Sérgio Lazzarini's research assistant at Insper Metricis, which is a Center for the Measurement of Social and Environmental Impact Investments. Besides that, in order to take my studies beyond the regular academic curriculum I had developed a scientific initiation about new methods of social impact in society with professor Sandro Cabral. Because of my deep engagement with researches in the last two years, I decided to choose The Catholic University of Leuven, which is an international reference in academic studies. The University has a separate entity of research and development to support all researches in the University. Therefore, because of this well-known experience I believe that The University of Leuven would be the ideal institution for me.

In addition, since Leuven is a small town away from Brussels I will be able to learn more deeply about Belgium culture and its costumes. Moreover, Leuven has high populations of Students (around 30% of its population) being perfect to make new acquaintances and friends. Lastly, The University of Leuven excels in several areas such as mathematics, health, sociology, and philosophy, being consequently a wonderful opportunity for me to get in touch with different areas of knowledge.

To conclude, I know that an exchange course is an unique opportunity in my life and it would be a huge pleasure to represent Insper internationally. Studying in one of the best 100th universities in the world would give me a valuable experience and the opportunity to get a better understanding of the world and to try new activities that have never been within my reach before.