

## **Masters – Law - Scholarship**

Having a Brazilian dad and Argentinian mum, I grew up hearing "*how are football matches at home?*" and "*your parents will divorce*". I often questioned these phrases, not understanding the generalisations or resentment from strangers. When I moved to Madrid, aged 9, I experienced a second wave of xenophobia; "*do you live in trees in Brazil?*", "*you are not Catholic*". The bullying quickly ignited in me, a desire to educate, and share my culture, to those interested in listening.

At 18, I moved to London for University and was mind-blown by the diversity. I spoke to every student from nationalities I had never encountered and, admitting my ignorance, but also my openness to learning, I was soon celebrating Eid with Egyptian friends, understanding electricity during Shabbat, learning about languages in India, discussing the politics of Kurdistan and being taught about music in tonal languages. I have travelled to over 45 countries but have never been to a more diverse, open-minded, and inclusive country as the UK.

### **Why me?**

Whether singing in jazz bars in Soho, competing in the squash league at [REDACTED], or sharing my music through songwriting and performance, I consistently seek avenues to connect with others. Being president of the Portuguese-Speaking Society at UCL taught me leadership and cultural immersion as I was responsible for coordinating our committee, organising cross-societal events such as the Cultural Fair, and seeking funding to further our outreach. I avidly shared the Brazilian culture in the UK, as I hope to share the British culture in the US. Through social media, I share British tradition with Brazilians, with videos explaining the English language, British food and customs, amassing over 7 million likes. Given the opportunity to study in the US, I look forward to returning to my home of 8 years, and to my partner in the UK; and sharing all my learnings, American customs and traditions with my peers.

An LLM in the US would be a transformative experience, shaping both my professional and personal growth. Academically, the US is renowned for its prestigious law schools and innovative education system, offering a platform to learn from world leaders. Through its multiculturalism and technological foundation, my goal of making the law more accessible to any demographic would become tangible. On a personal level, the extracurricular focus of US universities fascinates me; I am certain I would make use of the facilities and societies available, and further my interest in music, content creation, entrepreneurship and advancing global challenges.

### **Why Fulbright?**

Fulbright embodies everything I believe in. Although there are a myriad of awards around the World, none resonate with me as deeply as Fulbright, with its unique values and objectives, instilling in me a drive akin to conquering the world. Throughout my application, I hope to have conveyed my enthusiasm for diverse cultures, my curiosity to learn, my consideration for my peers, my entrepreneurial, risk-taking nature, and my enthusiasm to celebrate each other. Although if this has not been the case, allow me one final anecdote.

During my time at university, I tutored mathematics in public schools. One student, though struggling with math, displayed exceptional talent in design and Spanish. Recognising his potential, I encouraged and mentored him to apply for a design program in Spain, and although daunted by the idea, he eventually applied, was accepted with a full scholarship, and attended the course. Many individuals are confined by perceived limitations - knowledge and awareness have the power to change that. I am committed to the Fulbright mission, to give back to the UK community through education, to advance knowledge and promote engagement between the peoples of the US and the UK and to work towards a world where learning, understanding and collaboration are accessible to all.