Work Description

- For Viva Rio, I researched and compared drug policy in Brazil, Ecuador, Uruguay, the United States, Portugal, and the Netherlands.

- I specifically focused on decriminalization, legalization, harm reduction, and medical marijuana policies.
Boys Playing Soccer at the Beach in Ipanema
Rewarding Aspect

- During my internship, I was able to improve my Portuguese by talking to coworkers and their friends.
- Also, I learned a lot more about mental health and public health approaches to the drug issue.
Escadaria Selarón in Lapa
Impact on Viva Rio

- I helped the Drug Policy and Communications Office strengthen their campaign “É justo isso?” (English: Is that just?) by using international examples and comparisons.
Christ the Redeemer
Impact on Academic Choices and Career Path

- My work with Viva Rio inspired me to write about drug policy for my independent work for my Portuguese Language and Culture certificate.

- Additionally, by working at Viva Rio and meeting many international visitors, I was inspired to pursue a career in working with or for an international NGO.
View of Rio from Above
Concluding Remarks

- Overall, my IIP taught me how to be independent, adapt to different surroundings, and learn from my mistakes.