



# ERNESTO ALEJANDRO JIMÉNEZ

## PERSONAL SECTION

### 1. Personal details and contact information

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### 2. Brief biography

I was born and raised in a small town called Pérez Zeledón, located in the South Pacific Region of Costa Rica. My mother is a kindergarten teacher and my father is a business manager. I have one older sister and two younger half-siblings. My mother and my maternal grandmother raised me. I grew up as an Evangelical Christian and I still practice Christianity. I went to Pérez Zeledón School from 1st to 6th grade, then to El Valle School from 7th to 9th, and to Pérez Zeledón Scientific School from 10th to 11th grade. Graduated in 2012. At age 15, I worked as a salesperson in a store of Asiatic products. After finishing high school, I moved to San José, the capital of Costa Rica, to a town called Moravia. In 2013, I started studying Electrical Engineering in

Universidad de Costa Rica. In 2017, I began an internship in Extralum, a manufacturing company where I am currently working in the Maintenance Department.

### 3. Your hobbies and interests

I practice Mountain Biking, Hiking and any other activity that allows me to explore remote places. Other sports that I am interested in and practice as hobbies are Calisthenics, Football and American Football. My biggest interest is Film. I like learning about cinematography, directing, acting, editing and script writing! I also enjoy musical films and theatre. Another form of art that I enjoy is literature, and I like reading and writing as hobbies. Some other interests that I have are Linguistics, History and Geography. I love learning about different countries and regions, their culture, languages and history!

### 4. Your favourite person

Since I am a Christian, the obvious answer for me is Jesus, since he is my role model in every aspect of my life. However, leaving faith apart, he is my favourite person because of his message of love and forgiveness that has helped me so much throughout my life. He also had some of the greatest comebacks to tricky questions. After him, if I had to mention someone who is currently on Earth, it would be my mother. She has taught how to be a good person and how to be a man. She is a great teacher, a great mother and a great wife. Finally, leaving family aside, my favourite person that is currently on Earth is Stephen Colbert. Extremely funny, very good father and husband, and doesn't take himself too seriously.

### 5. Your favourite book/movie/TV series

Book: Peter Camenzind by Hermann Hesse

Movie: Midnight in Paris (2011)

TV series: Portlandia (2011-present)

### 6. Your motto

There is a phrase that we use here in Costa Rica every day and that is "Pura Vida". It literally means "Pure Life". We use it in many different ways, but the meaning from which I like to base my life on is that of positivity, gratitude, kindness and humility. It encourages me to be good to others, to enjoy the moment and to put a smile when confronting problems.

## PROFESSIONAL SECTION

### 7. Education and qualifications

Bachelor in Primary Education at Pedro Pérez Zeledón School (2002-2007).

First 3 years of high school at El Valle School (2008-2010)

Bachelor in Middle Education at Pérez Zeledón Scientific School (2011-2012)

Cursing Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering at University of Costa Rica (2013-now)

Theater Workshops at El Valle School (2008-2010)

### 8. Work experience/employment history

Salesperson at Lotus Asiatic Products Store (2010)

Social Work with Térraba Indigenous Community (2011)

Internship at Extralum, Industrial Maintenance Department (2017)

### 9. Language Skills

Spanish: native language

English: fluent (speaking, reading, writing)

French: basic (speaking, reading, writing)

Norwegian: basic (speaking, reading, writing)

### 10. Other Skills

Technical and technological skills:

Electronic Circuit Design

Proficient in using Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and Power Point)

Programming in Java, MATLAB, Python and MySQL

Proficient in using AutoCAD, TINA, MATLAB and LaTeX

Soft skills:

Adaptable, flexible and cooperative

Honest, respectful, empathetic and good listener

Always with a positive attitude

Good at following instructions and rules

Work Well Under Pressure

## OTHER

### **11. Why did you choose this project/why did you choose to go to the internship?**

I first wanted to enter a volunteering program mainly to get myself out of my comfort zone, to push myself into a situation or activity that is completely new to me and be able to experience different environments. For that reason, when I found this project it simply appeared to match perfectly with what I was looking for. I believe this project will allow me to expand my perspective of the world and will help to understand backgrounds and points of view that could not find in my country.

Furthermore, I have always been very much interested in Education. My mother is a teacher and throughout my life, she taught me how to learn, how to be a good student. However, she also taught me to be helpful whenever I had the opportunity. For that reason, I have always tried to help people to be able to learn as I do, and at the same time, learn from them in the process. That is why I want to participate in this project, to help kids and students learn something new whilst I learn something new from them. That way, my contribution will probably help to bring this huge world a little bit closer.

### **12. Write a message to your future students and host families**

To my future students:

I am very excited to meet you all and get to spend six weeks sharing my culture and other cultures with you, as I also get to learn about yours. I am certain that this is going to be a very joyful and fulfilling experience for all of us. If my work could make even just a small impact on your lives, helping broaden your global perspective, that would make me immensely happy. Having said that, the only thing left to say is Thank you for receiving me and I hope you will enjoy this as much I will.

To my future host families:

First, I am very thankful for welcoming me into your home. I feel blessed by this opportunity and I assure you that my stay in your house will not cause you any trouble. I am very calm, quiet and respectful; you could ask my parents about that. I also like to maintain my space as clean and organized as possible, but I am adaptable too. Furthermore, I really treasure all the time that I could spend with you, given that I consider this a very important part of my cultural experience in your country. In return, and if you are open to it, I will be more than happy to tell all you want to know about my country and my culture. I hope you like coffee, because I am bringing with me some of the best coffee produced in Costa Rica.

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### 13. Allergies, diets

No allergies, no special diets.