



## *Faz Parte*

IN ANY education abroad program, things won't go as planned 100 percent of the time. It's essential for students and instructors to be flexible and have the ability to "go with the flow." Those working in international education must have this type of mentality to maintain their sanity. This photo, taken on our 2009 Brazilian Ecosystems: The Protection and Management of Biodiversity Program, embodies that reality. *Faz Parte* is the photo title given by the student and roughly translates from Portuguese to mean

"it's all a part of life." *Faz Parte* was a common phrase used by the program director and it represents both the Brazilian lifestyle and how the group handled program glitches. Here, the students' only form of transportation is stuck in the mud in the Amazon on their way to the Ducke Reserve. The students and director ended up "shouldering their bags and walking the last couple kilometers to the research station, hiking along the muddy road in a tunnel of lush green—their first encounter with the enveloping, exotic Ama-

zon rainforest." What a poignant reminder for us all that, whether on an education abroad program or in the office, things don't always work out as planned and sometimes that's for the best. *Faz Parte!*

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