Gabriel Wyner

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Fluent Forever, Inc **Apr. 2014 – Dec. 2022**
Founder & CEO | Apt. 2014 – Dec. 2022 *Remote / Chicago, IL*

- Fluent Forever is an app-based language learning platform, built for learners who are aiming for *actual fluency* in their language of choice. (Fluent-Forever.com)
- As Founder & CEO, I oversaw our core strategies, pedagogical design, product roadmap, ops, marketing, and fundraising.
    - Raised $7M in funding from VCs and angel investors | Reached $2M ARR and profitability
    - Built a line of products that brought language learners in 12 languages to high intermediate, conversational fluency (CEFR B2 level) in as little as 9 months
    - Created and maintained a workplace culture that led to <5% voluntary annual turnover in every department. Voted one of 2021's Best Remote Startups to Work For by BuildingRemotely.
    - Became one of Crain's 2021 Notable LGBTQ Executives
- Executed the most successful crowdfunding campaign for an app in history ($1.7M raised in 2017-2018)
- Prior to our VC rounds, I crowdfunded & launched 65 language learning products, acquiring >30k customers.

Penguin Random House **Apr. 2012 – Apr. 2014, Jan. 2023 – Present**
Author *Remote*

- Wrote Fluent Forever: How to learn any language fast and never forget it, which became the only national bestseller about language learning in history. Translated in 12 languages. Second edition in Q4 2024

Ankihub, Inc. **Jan. 2024 – Present**
Executive Strategy and Operations Consultant *Remote*

- Developed a cohesive company strategy and am now on the product team, executing according to that strategy.

Wyner Family Consulting **Nov. 2023 – Present**
Project Manager and Editor *Remote*

- Building an audience for an unknown author via marketing, editing, PM work and LLM automation via Python.

EDUCATION

MUK - Musik und Kunst Privatuniversität der Stadt Wien **June, 2013**
Masters in Oratorio and Art Song *Vienna, Austria*

- Graduated with Honors, with a masters thesis on language learning for opera singers

University of Southern California **May, 2007**
Dual degrees: BS in Mechanical Engineering, BM in Vocal Arts Performance *Los Angeles, CA*

- Recipient of the Renaissance Scholar's prize for excellence in unrelated disciplines
- Graduated *summa cum laude*, member of Tau Beta Pi honors society for engineers

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- **Skills:** Strategic planning; leadership; skills development; instructional design & program execution; iterative product development & PMF frameworks; recruiting; fundraising; crowdfunding; culture development & implementation; communications; change management & organizational development; technology integration
- **Interests:** dog training; dance; cooking; food tourism; gaming; language learning; Burning Man