Students will focus on developing journalism/public relations/advertising/media skills in a diverse cultural context by participating in field projects and curriculum designed to address social, cultural and political issues affecting the Maori, Samoan, and Asian populations of New Zealand. By employing strategies built upon media ethnography, social media, and journalistic field reporting practices, students will study sociocultural issues through the lens of contemporary media as well as other historical and culturally grounded forms of communication.

DATES
8 January–15 March 2016 (dates are approximate)

HOUSING
Students will stay in a variety of housing accommodations that may include university dorms, hotels and youth hostels.

COURSES
Students will register for 12 credit hours during the program from the following courses:
COMMS 328 Backpack Journalism (3 credit hours)
COMMS 395R Global Mass Communication (3 credit hours)
COMMS 481 Gender, Race and Class in Media (3 credit hours)
COMMS 482 Media and World Religions (3 credit hours)

COST
$5,600–6,100

Includes LDS, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-LDS students), housing, sponsored excursions, admission to cultural sites and events, in-country transportation, and international health insurance coverage.

Not Included
Airfare, personal expenses, and most meals.
PREPARATION
Students planning to register for the COMMS 328 should ensure that they have completed any prerequisite courses prior to the program. Non-communication majors should meet with the program director prior to ensure that they have completed equivalent courses that would give them the appropriate skill proficiencies for the internship program.

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201, 1 credit hour). This evening course will be held during the second block of fall semester 2015. Part-time and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee for enrolling in the prep class.

Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program. Spouses will also need to apply online and enroll in the preparation course.

FUNDING SOURCES
Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs.

Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a study abroad scholarship and may be considered for other scholarships. Students must indicate on their original online application that they want to be considered for financial aid.

Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants.

Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS
Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/isp/apply
The application requires a $35 fee
Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete
Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program

Deadline: 17 October 2015

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Students should plan to be in Auckland on January 8. The program will end on March 15. Students should refrain from scheduling late arrivals or early departures.

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
ISP reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost estimates due to conditions beyond its control.