This program combines the best aspects of study abroad and field study by providing a balance between meaningful academic field research, faculty mentoring, and cultural exploration through both professor-led research and student-designed research. While the faculty research project will involve political development, there are research opportunities in fields as diverse as education, public health, political science, psychology, anthropology, photography, geography, and biology. Students will explore the nuances of Southeast Asia while working with Thais in service organizations and in schools. They will also participate in cultural excursions and weekly trips throughout the country and to neighboring countries such as Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. Students will gain tremendous educational and cultural experiences while providing service and conducting research in one of the most beautiful areas of the world.

DATES
16 June–7 August 2016

HOUSING
Housing arrangements will be in apartments and/or host families.

COURSES
Students must register for a minimum of 4.5–6 credit hours during the summer term from the following courses:

POLI 348 Politics of Asia (3 credit hours)
POLI 444 Political Economy of Development (3 credit hours)
POLI 498R Mentored Research (1–6 credit hours)

Alternative course options may be considered with the program director.

COST
$4,500–5,000
Includes LDS, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for grads and non-LDS), lodging, at least two meals a day, local transportation, costs associated with in-country excursions, and international health insurance coverage.

Not Included
Airfare (typically $1,200–1,800 from U.S. to Thailand), passport and visa ($100–200), vaccinations ($100–200), meals on excursions, personal expenses, and additional research expenses not covered by the program.

PREPARATION
Accepted students are required to participate in one course: IAS 369R International Internship Prep (1 credit hour). This course will be held during second block of winter semester 2016.

Though not required, it is strongly recommended that students take FLANG 102R: First Semester Thai (4 credit hours).

Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students will need to pay additional tuition fee of approximately $270 for the prep class.

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/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: 20 December 2015

FACULTY
Joel Selway, Associate Professor of Political Science and director of the Political and Economic Development Lab (PEDL), is the program director.

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
In order to receive internship credit, students will be required to be in Thailand for the duration of the program.

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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.