

# GLOBAL HEALTH: MEXICO

GLOBAL HEALTH INTERNSHIP SUMMER 2023



In partnership, with Child and Family Health International (CFHI) students can elect a global health internship experience in Mexico. The program is based in Oaxaca, a very poor region of Mexico known for its rich, interesting culture that includes over 18 different ethnic groups each with their own unique language and culture. It is anticipated that most students will stay in a homestay. There are two options: Option 1 is for students with a foundation in Spanish and consists of rotations at community level clinics and hospitals serving low-income populations in Oaxaca. Students will join local healthcare professionals and learn about primary care and preventative medicine, as well as community health education programs. Option 2 is for students with little or no Spanish background. They will take intensive beginner Spanish classes during the first two weeks while also engaging with the staff of local non-profit organizations providing social services in the community. During the last half of the program, students practice newly acquired language skills while taking part in clinical rotations such as community clinics serving low-income populations. This program provides a unique combination of a homestay experience, participation in excellent Spanish language classes, and experiences interacting with locals and professionals. This combination will boost your ability to speak Spanish proficiently in lay and medical settings, your understanding of Mexican culture(s), and your understanding of health care and global health. On weekends, students can take optional excursion trips that have been previously approved by the Kennedy Centre and arranged through our local partner in Oaxaca. You can learn more at [www.byuglobalhealth.org](http://www.byuglobalhealth.org) and [www.cfhi.org](http://www.cfhi.org)

## **DATES**

The starting date for this Summer Term program is July 1, 2023 and will run for 4 weeks.

## **HOUSING**

Housing will be in a homestay arranged by CFHI, where two meals will be provided daily.

## **COURSES**

Students in the program Summer Term are required to take a minimum of 6 credits from this list of courses: IAS 399, HLTH 403, HLTH 481, HLTH 492, HLTH 491, or LFSCI 199. Note: LFSCI 199 is for Life Sciences majors only and requires prior approval. Life Sciences interns may read the syllabi and apply at [lifesciences.byu.edu/internships](http://lifesciences.byu.edu/internships). Graduate credit for MPH coursework may also be available.

Students may be interested in investigating the local culture by taking IAS 380 Cultural Proofs for 1–3 credit hours. This self-guided course allows students to do independent intercultural research, interview locals, and experience local culture.

### **COST**

\$3,900–4,400

Includes LDS undergraduate tuition for six credits Summer Term, international health insurance coverage, homestay, two meals a day, airport pickup, transportation to program activities, orientation, placement and coordination of clinical/public health activities, and on-site coordination and support. Does not include international airfare, preparation course tuition, passport, visa(s), immunizations, personal expenses, some meals, cell phones/international data, or personal excursions. Students should be prepared to cover local transportation expenses from their homestay to hospitals and clinics. Cost does not include optional travel.

### **TRAVEL**

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent at: BYU Travel, 280 HRCB, 801-422-6293 [travel@byu.edu](mailto:travel@byu.edu)

### **PREPARATION**

Accepted students are required to take an international preparation course (IAS 369R, 1 credit hour) during the second term of the winter 2023 semester.

**Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.**

### **FUNDING SOURCES**

Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see [kenedy.byu.edu/scholarships](http://kenedy.byu.edu/scholarships)).

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Applications will remain open until program is filled. IF spots remain open after the priority deadline, the final deadline is anticipated to be 1 February 2023. Complete the online application at [kenedy.byu.edu/isp-apply](http://kenedy.byu.edu/isp-apply). A nonrefundable \$35 application fee is required; applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance. After acceptance by BYU, students must complete the CFHI application, be accepted by CFHI, and complete CFHI pre-departure requirements.

**Priority Deadline:** 1 December 2022

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### **FACULTY**

**Randy M Page**, Director of the Global Health Internship Program and Professor of Public Health is the faculty director for the program. **Tana Page**, Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Public Health, will be the Assistant Director.

### **SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**

Students will be in country for 4 weeks. Students will also be required to complete academic assignments prior to this time and upon returning home from the program.

### **INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT**

International Study Programs  
101 HRCB  
[kenedy.byu.edu/isp](http://kenedy.byu.edu/isp)

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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. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the students' BYU Financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.