INTERNATIONAL BIOLOGY INTERNSHIPS: GHANA
INTERNSHIP SUMMER 2023

Accra, Cape Coast, Tamale, Ghana. Students will work with Nurturing Nations in Ghana on projects to help vulnerable children and adults to become more secure and self-reliant. Nurturing Nations operates a campus near Kofi Kwei northwest of Accra (nurturingnations.org) where we will work to install an aquaponics project that will provide fresh produce for the hundreds of children on the campus. We will train and educate students and staff at the school to operate and maintain the aquaponics system. In addition, students will learn about Ghanaian culture, history, and wildlife by visiting Elmina Castle in Cape Coast and Mole National Park in the northern region, and by visiting directly with Percy Gogoe, the Nurturing Nations director in Ghana, and other native Ghanaians. Students will learn about the freshwater biodiversity of Ghana by working with local fisherman to document and take biological tissues from fish captured in rivers and streams of the area. Also, students will help with a medical day clinic to provide free modern medical care to hundreds of people in outlying village areas.

DATES
25 July–5 August 2023 (approx.)

HOUSING
Housing will be in a guest house or hotel. Students will be sharing a room with other BYU participants or other attendees.

COURSES
Students are required to register for BIO 399R—Biology Internship (6 credits).
Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST
$1,500-2,000
Includes BYU Latter-day Saints undergraduate tuition for 6 credit hours for summer term, internship placement, housing and meals in Ghana, in-country transportation and entry fees, and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include international airfare, preparation course tuition, international cell phone/data plan, cost of required medical vaccinations and testing (e.g., Covid), or other personal expenses.

TRAVEL
Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Contact program director, Mark Belk, to coordinate flight arrangements through BYU Travel.

PREPARATION
Accepted students are required to participate in an international preparation course (IAS 369R, 1 credit hour). This evening and online course will be held during spring term 2023.
Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program; they will need to apply online and take the preparation course.
The government of Ghana requires all travelers to have the Yellow Fever vaccination prior to entering the country.
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. Biology Department scholarships may be available to Biology majors. Check with Professor Mark Belk for details.
Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS
Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at kennedy.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.

Application Deadline: 27 January 2023

FACULTY
Mark Belk, Professor of Evolutionary Biology in the Biology Department, is the faculty director 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.