GLOBAL HEALTH: ECUADOR

INTERNSHIP SPRING 2023



In partnership with Child and Family Health International (CFHI), students can elect a global health internship experience in Ecuador. The program is based in Quito, where students have the opportunity to live with a homestay family. The duration of the program is four weeks. There are two options. Option 1 is for those who already have a foundation in Spanish. They will spend their time in hospitals and clinics and experience first-hand the health challenges in clinical settings that impact Ecuador's rural and urban populations. Students will become immersed in Ecuadorian culture and language while living with local families and participate in Spanish language classes with an emphasis on medical Spanish. Option 2 is for those who lack a foundation in Spanish. The first two weeks comprise intensive Spanish instruction and participation with a local NGO to learn the cultural and social context of Quito. For the next two weeks, students are placed in clinical rotations at hospitals or community-level clinics. Students gain confidence communicating in Spanish within social and professional settings and an understanding of healthcare systems and how Ecuadorians access these services. 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 Ecuadorian culture, 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 Center and arranged through our local partner (Latino Schools). You can learn more at www.byuglobalhealth.org and www.cfhi.org

DATES
The starting date for Spring Term program is May 6, 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.

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, 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

PREPARATION
Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 369R, 1 credit hour) during the second block of the winter 2022 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 kennedy.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, the final deadline is anticipated to be 1 February 2023. 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. After acceptance by BYU, students must complete the CFHI application, be accepted by CFHI, and complete CFHI pre-departure requirements.

Priority Application Deadline: 22 February 2023

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	or	Dr. Randy M Page	or	Tana S. Page
101 HRCB		2030 Life Science Building		2148 LSB
kennedy.byu.edu/isp		randy_page@byu.edu		tana_page@byu.edu

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.