

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND FIJI

STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2024



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to watch kangaroos pouncing through the Australian outback or witness the indescribable diversity and beauty of coral and tropical fish as you swim in the Great Barrier Reef? Have you ever seen a flying fox in person? Well, if you haven't, then this is your opportunity. This trip is going to take you on a voyage through some of the world's most spectacular landscapes, home to an incredible array of endemic plant and animal species. You will have an opportunity to meet and interact with indigenous people and cultures, providing you with experiences that could change your life. This trip is the quintessential definition of BYU's motto—*the world is our campus*.

“Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you . . . of things both in heaven and in the earth, and under the earth . . . of things which are at home, things which are abroad . . . and a knowledge also of countries and of kingdoms—that ye may be prepared in all things when I shall send you again to magnify the calling whereunto I have called you, and the mission with which I have commissioned you” (D&C 88:78–80).

DATES

29 June –4 August 2024 (approx.)

HOUSING

From traditional bure huts in Fiji to hostels in the heart of New Zealand and Australia, the group will stay in a wide range of housing accommodations. All of the housing will be safe and approved by BYU International Study Programs.

COURSES

Accepted students will enroll in the following 6 credit hours:

PWS 150 Environmental Biology (3 credit hours) fulfills your science GE.

PWS 494R Biogeography, Ecology, and Natural History of Australia, and the South Pacific (3 credit hours) will provide you with a deeper understanding and appreciation for the land and people.

Participants may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST

\$7,800-8,300

Included in the cost is LDS, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduates and non-LDS students), international health insurance, housing, some admissions, and all domestic transportation.

Not included in the cost is airfare to and from the U.S., books, passport fees, and personal expenses.

PREPARATION

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1.0 credit hour). This class will be held one day during the week from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. during the second block of winter semester 2024.

Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program. Spouses will also need to apply online and take the preparation course. Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee. Students are expected to keep all aspects of the BYU Honor Code and ISP rules during the program.

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. They *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 \$35 (non-refundable) online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply.

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. Please refer to the Payment Information document on the Kennedy Center website.

Priority Deadline: 1 November 2023

Final Deadline: 1 December 2023

FACULTY

Dr. Petersen is a professor of wildland ecology in the Department of Plant and Wildlife Sciences. He teaches classes in environmental science, ecology, natural resource management, and geospatial technology. His research focuses on the population and community ecology of forests and rangelands throughout the world. He studies the impact of feral horses on rangeland ecosystems, and the use of drones to measure and analyze complex plant community patterns. He has conducted research in the tropics of Central America and on coral reefs of Cuba. He has been to the South Pacific numerous times and is familiar with the layout of the land and its resources. He will help you explore the diversity and connections among biological organisms and their environment in the incredible landscapes of New Zealand, Australia, and Fiji and their coastal waters.

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

Students need to arrive at the beginning of this trip and remain with the group throughout the program. Students should not plan late arrivals to the host country and they should plan to stay the entire length of the program. Parents are not allowed to visit students during the official program time period.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

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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.