

# ECUADOR

## GLOBAL HEALTH INTERNSHIP SPRING 2024



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 Spanish instruction and participation with a local NGO to learn the cultural and social context of Quito (although some students in this option may be placed in a health care facility during these two weeks). 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](http://www.byuglobalhealth.org) and [www.cfhi.org](http://www.cfhi.org)

### **DATES**

The starting date for this Spring Term program is Saturday May 4, 2024 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 HLTH 199.

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 Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition for 6 credits (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), 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.

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 2024 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](http://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](http://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. After acceptance by BYU, students must complete the CFHI application, be accepted by CFHI, and complete CFHI pre-departure requirements.

**Priority Deadline: 1 December 2023**

**Application Deadline: 1 February 2024**

Application will remain open until program is filled

### **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   (801) 422-3686		2030 LSB   (801) 422-1131		2148 LSB
<a href="http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp">kennedy.byu.edu/isp</a>		<a href="mailto:randy_page@byu.edu">randy_page@byu.edu</a>		<a href="mailto:tana_page@byu.edu">tana_page@byu.edu</a>

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