As an intern in either the Europe Area Office of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Frankfurt, Germany, or the South Pacific Area Office in Auckland, New Zealand, you will have a unique opportunity to improve your communications, journalism, and public relations skills. The core purpose of the Church Communication internship is to build strategic relationships with opinion leaders who affect the reputation of the Church, and whose actions and influence can help or hinder the Church’s mission. As such you will be involved with a wide variety of ever-changing activities and people in order to facilitate a proper projection of the Church in the Europe or Pacific areas. Depending on your emphasis in Communications, you could find yourself writing press releases, assisting in planning strategic media interaction, researching various media enquiries, assisting in interview and spokesperson training, developing relationships with opinion leaders, and participating in various modes of social networking, social media, and video production.

DATES
Winter, Spring-Summer combined, or Fall semesters are available (dates will be determined after acceptance to the program)

HOUSING
The School of Communications will suggest housing options. Students are responsible for making all housing arrangements.

COURSES
Students are required to register for 1–4 credit hours during the program from the following courses:
COMMS 496R (1–4 credits; Journalism, Advertising, PR)
COMMS 496R (1 credit; Comms Studies)
COMMS 399R (1 credit, with approval)
Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program directors and ISP. Please contact the Comms Internship & Career Services Coordinator.

COST
$650–1,368
Includes Latter-day Saint, undergraduate tuition (1–4 credit hours), and international health insurance. Does not include airfare, public transportation, meals (variable), housing, personal expenses (variable), or visa.

**TRAVEL**
Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airline 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**
The internship is for Communications majors. Although English is the lingua franca for these Area Offices, having other language skills is helpful (including German, French, and Chinese).

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 369R, 1 credit hour) held during the second block of the semester before departure. Part-time BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee for enrolling in the prep class.

Spouses also need to be credit-bearing participants on the program; they must apply online and take the preparation course. 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. 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. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Interns at both locations may be eligible to receive Students in the School of Communications may qualify for funding assistance and should review options on the school’s website: comms.byu.edu
Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

**APPLICATION PROCESS**
BYU welcomes students from any university to apply to participate on our study abroad programs. However, internships and direct enrollment programs are limited to BYU Provo students. 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. Please refer to the 2024 Payment Information page.

**FACULTY**
Dr. Mark Callister is the current Director of the School of Communications at Brigham Young University. Prior to joining the BYU faculty in 2005, he taught at Western Illinois University. He received his Baccalaureate degrees in International Relations and in English and earned a master’s in business administration at BYU. In addition, he received a PhD in Communication with an emphasis on theories of persuasion and marketing communications at the University of Arizona. His general research interests include adolescents and the media, visual imagery in advertising, and the role of persuasion in nonprofit fundraising and storytelling. He teaches courses in research methods, persuasion, and world religions and the media. 360B BRMB | (801) 422-6143 | mark_callister@byu.edu

**SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**
The duration of the program will not exceed 90 days. ISP can provide support in this process. Frankfurt, Germany Internship: Program participants can enter, travel, and live in the European Union for no longer than 90 days under the visa waiver.

**INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT**
International Study Programs
101 HRCB | (801) 422-3686 | isp@byu.edu | http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp

Communications Internship Coordinator
280 BRMB | (801) 422-5836 | comms_internship@byu.edu

**PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS**
International Study Programs (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 student’s BYU Financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.