The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints’ self-reliance program teaches important principles in the areas of leadership, education, employment, and small business development. BYU collaborates with the Church in Latin America by sending qualified students to help support the self-reliance programs in different countries. Interns will work at Church Self Reliance Centers in select countries in Latin America. This internship will offer you the opportunity to learn from and serve others, further enhance your foreign language skills, gain valuable international work experience, and receive academic BYU credit. Selected interns will work closely with the local Church self-reliance managers and leaders to help organize and facilitate Church self-reliance groups and initiatives. The main objective of this program is to help individual members learn to become more self-reliant.

DATES
Winter: January–April 2024 (approximately 12 weeks)
Spring–Summer: May–August 2024 (approximately 12 weeks)
Fall: September–December 2024 (approximately 12 weeks)

HOUSING
Students are housed with a BYU student companion in furnished apartments. Housing is generally located near Church Self Reliance Centers. Students are responsible for their own meals and transportation.

COURSES
Students register for 9–12 credit hours while abroad. In consultation with program directors, students will set a combination of courses in their applicable major and minor areas of study. This internship is most compatible with majors/minors in Latin American Studies, Spanish, International Development, Humanities, and Business. Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST
$3,400–3,900
Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition, housing, some work-related travel, and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include airfare, personal meals, local transportation (to and from work), or personal expenses.

**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. 280 HRCB | (801) 422-6293 | travel@byu.edu.

**PREPARATION**

Applicants will be evaluated by the faculty director upon application to the program and must have completed SPAN 321 before participation in the program. Upper class status is preferred.

Prior to departure, students completing an internship are required to enroll in HCOLL 396R Professional Internship Preparation (1 credit hour) and IAS 369R SRS Internship Preparation (1 credit hour). Part-time BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee for enrolling in the prep class. Married student couples may serve as an internship companionship provided that both spouses meet the above requirements.

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 International Study 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.

Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants.

The College of Humanities offers international internship grants of up to $3,000 to majors and up to $1,500 to minors within the college. All selected students are eligible for a Kennedy Center grant of up to $1,000 to help pay for program costs.

**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.

**Deadline for Winter 2024: 9 October 2023; Spring–Summer: 12 February 2024; and Fall: 12 February 2024**

**FACULTY**

Malcolm Miguel Botto of the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies is the program director.

Jeffrey Shumway, Professor of History, is the program faculty director.

**SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**

All interns are required to participate in a one-day training session in Utah the week before traveling to the internship site.

**INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT**

International Study Programs

101 HRCB | (801) 422-3686

isp@byu.edu | kennedy.byu.edu/isp

**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.