Have you ever wanted to design and build your own bike – from scratch?! And then ride that bike in Europe, while visiting amazing sites and businesses such as CERN, Brompton Bikes, the WHO (World Health Organization), and Cadbury Chocolate factory, among many others?! The purpose of this study abroad program is to engage you in an exciting manufacturing/engineering-design experiential learning opportunity. The experiential learning opportunity will start in England, where you will be building your own bike (design, brazing, welding, working with carbon fiber, etc.) in a small bike building academy. No experience needed – they’ll teach it all to you. After spending time at the academy, we will take our newly minted bikes to the Netherlands (to experience the bike culture of Amsterdam, while visiting various technology and engineering companies), then we’ll go to France to visit a few bio-engineering companies, and then train to Switzerland to visit CERN, UNWHO, and many other great sites. This is the study abroad program of a life-time: learning, coupled with skill building, and great cultural experiences!

DATES
May 24 – 29 June 2024

HOUSING
Students will stay in local hotels and home rentals.

COURSES
Students are required to take six credit hours during the program.
COST
$8,400-8,800 (Students will receive a $1,540 scholarship towards the overall cost)

Includes Latter-day Saint, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), accommodation, train travel around England, France, and Switzerland, cultural visits, the bike building course, and a NEW BIKE (you will be making this bike as part of the study abroad), and international health insurance.

Does not include airfare, laundry, most meals, and personal expenses.

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
Prerequisites: None. Candidates will be selected according to previous work experience, academic record, overall attitude, and maturity level. The program starts in spring term 2024 with coordination meetings that help the students prepare for departure to Europe. Some coordination will be required during winter semester to obtain appropriate paperwork. Students are also required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation class (IAS 201R, 0.5 credit hour). This class will be held Tuesdays, 4:00–6:00pm second block of winter semester 2024. Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee of approximately $304.

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. 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. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply. A non-refundable $35 application fee is required. Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete and will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Deadlines: 1 December 2023

FACULTY
Geoff Wright, a professor in the technology and engineering studies program, will oversee the academic component of the program. Contact him with any questions.
230 G SNLB | (801) 422-7804 | geoffwright@byu.edu

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
While in Europe students are encouraged to visit sites of historical and cultural significance within the country being visited as long as it does not conflict with academic responsibilities and expectations of the program.

Students are encouraged to participate in Sabbath-day church meetings as much as possible when and where an LDS community is available.

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.