Indorama Ventures have invited BYU students to intern with Samantha Connell, Environmental/Occupational Health (EOH) Global Manager for Indorama. Dr. Thygerson and Samantha Connell have worked closely together over the years as officers in the American Industrial Hygiene Association’s (AIHA) International Affairs Committee. Samantha is also the president of the International Occupational Health Association (IOHA). This 3-month internship is part of a long-standing internship program that Indorama Ventures offers to students from around the world studying sustainability, accounting and finance, marketing, and investor relations.

Student interns will work directly with EOH professionals focusing on classic industrial hygiene issues at a global chemical manufacturing company using cutting-edge equipment and technology. Students will conduct all aspects of anticipation, recognition, evaluation, and control of workplace hazards. Students will also be involved in cultural activities that the company does on a regular basis.

Student interns will work with the Joint Action Committee of employees to ensure that all levels of our workforce are in statutory compliance, taking account of compulsory and periodic Health & Safety Training while equipping all staff with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in-line with their responsibilities. Interns will assist all EOH functions to maintain zero fatalities in the operations and to continually improve the performance in health, safety, and well-being through certification of the ISO 45001/OSHAS 18001 management system, internal corporate standards.

DATES
1 May–31 July approximately, Spring and Summer Terms combined. Official dates to be determined.

HOUSING
Students will be housed in local apartments or dorms near Indorama Ventures.

COURSES
Students in the program are required to take a minimum of 2 credits spring term and 2 credits summer term from this list of courses: HLTH 496R, HLTH 492, HLTH 491.
COST
Students pay LDS undergraduate tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), which covers the cost of 2 credits spring term and 2 credits summer term, international health insurance coverage, and coordination of program with Indorama.

Does not include international airfare, preparation course tuition, passport, visa(s), immunizations, personal expenses, meals, cell phones/international data, or personal excursions. Students should be prepared to cover local transportation expenses.

Accompanying spouses pay tuition for 1 credit for spring term and 1 credit for summer term which covers the cost of international health insurance coverage and coordination of program.

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 at: 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).

APPLICATION PROCESS
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.

Application Deadline: 1 December 2023

FACULTY
Dr. Steve Thygerson, Professor of Public Health is the faculty director for the program.

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Students will be in country for a minimum of 8 weeks, up to 3 months. 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. Steve Thygerson
101 HRCB 2031 Life Science Building
(801) 422-3686 | isp@byu.edu | kennedy.byu.edu/isp steven.thygerson@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 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 financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.