

# INTERNATIONAL BIOLOGY INTERNSHIPS

## NETHERLANDS

FALL 2025



### Leiden, the Netherlands

Students will live in Leiden, the Netherlands Fall semester Sept-October (for 8 weeks) 2025. While there, students will focus on databasing dragonflies and labeling data for a larger project funded by the National Science Foundation. The internship is a Naturalis Biodiversity Center ([naturalis.nl/en](https://naturalis.nl/en)). The goal is to produce wing morphology data to explore the evolution of flight strategies over the evolutionary history of dragonflies (insect order Odonata).

### DATES

Fall 2025: Approximately 8 weeks during Fall semester 2025

### HOUSING

Housing will be in local apartments in Leiden. Dr. Bybee will give recommendations and advice regarding housing arrangements.

### COURSES

Students are required to enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours during the Fall semester for their internship work in Leiden and may choose from the following:

BIO 399R—Internship or other directed readings/research credit

BIO 494R—Biology Research

Students may also take other courses as arranged by their faculty director.

Students may also 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. Participants may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

## **COST**

Students will pay BYU Latter-day Saints undergraduate tuition for 12 credits for Fall semester (\$3344). The tuition covers the cost of internship placement, housing and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include international airfare, meals, local transportation, international cell phone/data plan, visa, 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.

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## **PREPARATION**

Students are required to participate in the prep course, IAS 369R, during the second block of winter semester. Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students pay an additional \$300 (approx.) tuition fee for enrolling in the required pre-departure class.

Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program, meaning they will also need to apply online and participate in the prep course.

## **Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.**

International study programs are physically, emotionally, and mentally taxing and you must be in good health to participate. These programs often take place in international locations that do not have the same level of safety and services in terms of transportation, living conditions, residential accommodations, food, public behavior, and policing that you may be used to on campus. If you have further questions or concerns on this, please see <https://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-travel-policy>.

## **FUNDING SOURCES**

Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to international 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.

Biology Department scholarships may be available to Biology majors. The Biology Department has National Science Foundation grants available to qualified students. Contact Dr. Seth Bybee for details.

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

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Students must be adults 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at [kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply](https://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.

## **Application Deadline: 1 November 2024**

## **FACULTY DIRECTOR**

Seth Bybee, professor of biology in the Biology Department, is the faculty director of the program.  
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## **INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT**

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## **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.