

GLOBAL ENGINEERING OUTREACH

ECUADOR, PERU AND BOLIVIA

STUDY ABROAD SPRING 2026



This experience will offer the opportunity for students to work on global problems, researching not only technical but also economical and socio-cultural issues. This year we will focus on a variety of projects for implementation in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia, working directly with the communities or organizations where projects will be implemented. Students will have the opportunity to work on teams with students from different disciplines, and will learn that in the world of applied engineering and technology, boundaries between engineering and technology disciplines fade and all participants at the simplest levels are problem solvers, each contributing a unique viewpoint or technical background to solve the problem at hand.

DATES

27 Apr–14 May 2026

HOUSING

Students will stay in housing provided by the program. Housing is included in the program cost.

COURSES

Required for all students in Spring 2026:

IAS 397R—Topics in International and Area Studies (1 credit hour)

Please see your department for the current policies regarding credit for engineering technical electives. Students may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST

\$4,500–4,900

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), airfare, housing, group transportation, some group meals, Machu Picchu trip, and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include most meals or personal expenses.

A \$1,260 scholarship will be given by the **Weidman Center for Global Leadership** to student participants majoring in a program within the **Ira A. Fulton College of Engineering**.

TRAVEL

Flights which are covered by the program cost will be arranged by the program directors through a BYU Travel agent. Students may not purchase their own flights. BYU Travel | 280 HRCB | (801) 422-6293 | travel@byu.edu

PREPARATION

Students must be working toward a degree in engineering or technology and have completed pre-professional requirements of their major by the beginning of fall 2025. Accepted engineering and technology students are required to participate in both the fall 2025 and winter 2026 courses noted below prior to the trip:

1. Fall 2025: 495R course in your major or ME EN 494R—Global Projects (1 credit hour), T and Th 3–4:50 PM
2. Winter 2026: 495R course in your major or ME EN 494R—Global Projects (2 credit hours), T and Th 3–4:50 PM

Exceptions to these requirements must be approved by the program director. Cultural and international preparation will be part of these courses. Part-time and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee for enrolling in this prep class.

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 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 <https://kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships>). Scholarships are not applied until the last payment is due.

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 contacted for an interview by the program director(s).

Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program.

The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Priority deadline: 1 November 2025

Application deadline: 1 December 2025

FACULTY

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

During the 2–3-week implementation trip, students will be expected to implement their projects and work with other teams on their projects as needed.

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.