

BRAZIL GLOBAL HEALTH

INTERNSHIP SPRING 2026



This innovative internship location, in collaboration with the University of Brasília, provides excellent opportunities for international learning as students focus on a variety of public health issues from tropical diseases to outdoor air pollution exposures. Students will work directly with researchers from the University of Brasília regarding continued fieldwork, data gathering, and data analysis on these projects. Students will also attend classes at the University of Brasília, studying Brazilian culture and the Portuguese language, as well as environmental health, tropical diseases, vector-borne disease transmission, and medical entomology. A cultural and environmental health excursion with Dr. Thygerson is planned for Iguazu Falls.

DATES

25 May–29 June 2026 (approx.)

HOUSING

Students will be housed in local apartments or dorms near the University of Brasília.

COURSES

Students are required to take a minimum of 6 credits for spring term:

HLTH 491—Mentored Research

HLTH 496—Academic Internship

COST

\$3,600–4,100

Includes LDS undergraduate tuition for 6 credits, international health insurance coverage, accommodation, coordination of program with the University of Brasília, excursion to Iguazu Falls, and on-site coordination and support.

Does not include international airfare, Ubers for transportation around Brasília, preparation course tuition, passport, visa(s), immunizations, personal expenses, some meals, cell phones/international data, or personal excursions. Students should be prepared to cover local transportation expenses from their apartment to internship locations.

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: 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 2026 semester.

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>. 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. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships). Academic departments and colleges may also assist with scholarships and grants.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/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 Payment Information page.

Priority Deadline: 26 November 2025

Application Deadline: 15 December 2025

FACULTY

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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.