

MALAWI INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

INTERNSHIP SPRING-SUMMER 2026



The Malawi International Development partners with the School of Agriculture for Family Independence (SAFI) in rural Malawi. Students from many majors work individually or in small teams with a SAFI staff member on research and evaluation projects that help guide SAFI's programs related to agriculture, nutrition, public health, education, women's empowerment, and other areas. Interns live at SAFI's campus and spend time traveling to Lilongwe (Malawi's capital city), Lake Malawi, Zambia, and Botswana. This internship is a good fit for students who are interested in international development and want an authentic development experience working at the community level in rural Africa.

DATES

6 May – 11 July 2026 (approximately)

HOUSING

Interns stay on site in dorms at SAFI in Mtalimanja Village, approximately 2 hours from Lilongwe.

COURSES

Students will register for a total of 12 credit hours during the program. The following two courses are required:

PWS 420—International Agricultural Development (3 credit hours)

HLTH 492R—Directed Public Health Readings: Intersectoral Action for Sustainable Development (3 credit hours)

They may choose from the following internship courses:

IAS 399R—Academic Internship (6 credit hours)

HLTH 496R—Academic Internship (6 credit hours)

Other classes related to health and development may be accepted if approved by the faculty director and ISP office.

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

COST

\$5,600–6,100

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full-tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing, all meals while in village, in-country transportation, international health insurance coverage, and travel expenses for local and international excursions.

Does not include airfare to and from Malawi, some meals, souvenirs, passport, or vaccinations.

PREPARATION

Accepted students are required to participate in IAS 369R International Internship Prep (1 credit hour) during the second term of winter semester 2026. It is recommended that students take IAS 220—Introduction to Development Studies (3 credit hours) during the fall or winter semester before the program.

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. 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. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Application Deadline: 30 November 2025

FACULTY

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

Students will be required to participate for the entire duration of the program.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

International Study Programs
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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

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.