BYU LONDON CENTRE

BRITISH INNOVATION IN SCIENCE, SOCIETY, AND HEALTH

STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2027

How do transformative discoveries occur, and how can knowledge be used to create healthier societies? This interdisciplinary program offers an in-depth exploration of Britain's contributions to scientific discovery, social policy, and human health. Students will delve into the work of British thinkers across the natural and social sciences—including Charles Darwin, Rosalind Franklin, John Snow, and Florence Nightingale—while examining the environmental and social factors that catalyze scientific innovation and shape health and well-being. From studying historical developments in genomics at Cambridge and the Sanger Institute to engaging directly with health policy experts at the National Health Service, the program takes full advantage of London's unique and dynamic setting through field experiences at key historical sites, museums, and research institutions. Students will walk in the footsteps of Darwin on the famous Sandwalk and observe, first-hand, the historic places where the discovery of the structure of DNA took place. Excursions to the Scottish Highlands and Northern Ireland will combine outdoor adventure with reflections on the relationships between the natural world, health, and environmental stewardship. The program will be most appealing to students who enjoy being active outdoors (or want to begin doing so) and are passionate about combining science, policy, and spiritual insights to improve the world around them.

DATES
29 June–16 August (approx.)

HOUSING AND MEALS AT THE LONDON CENTRE
Students reside and take classes in BYU's London Centre, which is located in the vibrant Bayswater neighborhood. The Centre is a short Tube ride from most central London attractions and a short walk from Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, and Notting Hill. Program costs include breakfast and dinner all days except Saturday. The Centre offers free laundry facilities, a library, a lounge, and Wi-Fi access.

As dinners and breakfasts at the London Centre are prepared and served communally, students are required to help with preparation and clean-up. Because of the communal nature of the meals, the program cannot meet all special dietary needs, nor can it ensure a safe environment for those with food allergies. Other than a shared microwave, students will not have individual cooking access, and they may not bring appliances to cook their own meals. Those with serious food allergies or other dietary concerns should speak with the International Study Programs office or the faculty directors before applying.

COURSES
All participants will be required to take the following 3-credit courses:
UNIV 216R—The Process of Biological Discovery
UNIV 218R—Health, Inequality, and Social Policy in Britain
Participants may not take any other classes while on this program (including BYU Online courses) without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST
$8,700–9,200
Includes full-time Latter-day Saint undergraduate tuition (costs higher for graduate and non–Latter-day Saint students); housing at the Centre; breakfast and dinner all days except Saturday; admission to program-related plays, museums, and historical sites; Tube travel within London; travel, lodging, and meals on program excursions; and international health insurance coverage. Does not include airfare to/from London, lunches and Saturday meals, passport fees, or personal expenses. Part-time BYU and non-BYU students must pay an additional tuition for the one-credit preparation course taught during the second block of winter 2025.

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 | 801-422-6293 | travel@byu.edu | 280 HRCB. The UK now requires that ALL travelers get pre-approval to enter the country. For more details, please refer to the information under "Do I Need a Visa?" https://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-travel-policy

PREPARATION
Accepted students are required to participate in a preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour). This course will be held during second block, winter semester 2027. Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program. Spouses will also need to apply online and take the preparation course.

International study programs are physically, emotionally, and mentally taxing and you must be in good health to participate. These programs often take place in 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
BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs, and BYU students are strongly encouraged to apply for experiential/inspired learning funding through their home college or department. Those who complete the financial aid section of the ISP application and file a current FAFSA form at BYU's Financial Aid Office will be considered for a need-based study abroad scholarship. Students may also pursue private grants and scholarships, including those listed online at 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. 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.
Priority Deadline: 1 November 2026
Application Deadline: 1 December 2026

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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 the program is cancelled, all program payments made to ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.