

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND/OR DEVELOPMENT



This internship is for students desiring to complete an international internship with an organization focusing on international health or international development with an organization that they have arranged on their own. Students are responsible for finding and securing their own internship placement in a country and area approved for BYU students to travel. The internship requires approval by the faculty director and the BYU Kennedy Center. Factors that increase the chance of acceptance into the program include: relevant language proficiency; previous international experience (living or traveling independently abroad); and having technical skills relevant to the chosen internship placement (e.g., research/statistics, monitoring/evaluation, report writing, translating, campaign development experience, technology support, fund raising). Students must realize that internships in international settings often pose significant language and cultural barriers, and require strong commitment and adherence to abiding to safety and security guidelines imposed to maintain student safety and security; including certain travel restrictions that you will be briefed about by the Kennedy Center. Students should not consider internships in countries/areas where travel is restricted for BYU students. Students must be willing to live and function independently in their internship setting, with little guidance and support. The faculty directors can connect students to specific internship opportunities in Ghana with Unite for Sight), and to internships in Peru and Costa Rica in areas such as education, health/medical, human rights, micro-business, special education, and veterinary science; as well as internship possibilities in other locations that become available from time to time. Faculty directors can also help students secure virtual internships in many different countries with Child and Family Health International (e.g., India, Bolivia, Mexico, Argentina, Ecuador, South Africa, Uganda, Ghana, Philippines) and virtual internships in Fiji with Think Pacific in the areas of mental health promotion and youth empowerment. Please contact the faculty directors about your ideas for an internship or if you wish to connect with the options mentioned above. You can learn more at www.byuglobalhealth.org

DATES

Internships may be Spring and/or Summer Term.

HOUSING

Students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements and paying for their own housing and meals.

COURSES

Students in the program are required to take a minimum of 6 credits Spring or Summer Term from this list of courses: HLTH 496R, IAS 399, LFSCI 199, HLTH 403, HLTH 481, HLTH 492, or HLTH 491R. Graduate credit for MPH fieldwork is available.

ELECTIVE

Students may 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.

COST

\$ 1530 for one term

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate tuition for six credits summer session, and international health insurance coverage. Does not include international airfare, passport, visa(s), cell phones/international data, airport pickup, daily transportation to internship site, and personal expenses. Students pay for their own housing and meals, and other costs associated with their internship including any fees that organizations or companies charge for internship placements and other support. They may pay for housing directly to home/property owners or apartment landlords, or to an organization that arranges for the internship.

PREPARATION

An international preparation course (IAS 369R, 1 credit hour) is required to be taken winter semester.

All participants are required to show proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination (including booster) at least two weeks prior to departure.

FUNDING SOURCES

Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/student/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Priority Deadline: 1 December 2021. Applications will remain open until program is filled. If spots remain open, the final deadline is anticipated to be **15 February 2022**. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply. The application requires a \$35 fee. Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. Once accepted into the BYU program, students must apply to and secure an internship placement. The internship placement must be approved by the faculty director and by the Kennedy Center. Students not securing an internship placement and meeting pre-departure requirements will not be allowed to participate in the program.

FACULTY

Randy M Page, Director of the Global Health Internship Program and Professor of Public Health is the faculty director for the program. Tana Page is the Co-Director.

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

Students must be in any internship a minimum of 4 weeks, but many organizations will require 6 or more weeks. Students will be required to complete academic assignments prior to this time, during the internship, and upon returning home from 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 estimates due to conditions beyond its control.