The Wordsworth Trust, one of the premiere literary archives and heritage sites in the UK, offers 14-week unpaid internships to four BYU undergraduates per year in the picturesque Lake District village of Grasmere. The Trust’s properties include Dove Cottage, the home where William and Dorothy Wordsworth wrote many of their most famous works; the Jerwood Centre, a research library with an unrivaled collection of manuscripts, rare books, and landscape art related to the Wordsworths, their period, and the region; the recently redesigned Wordsworth Museum; and adjacent visitor sites. Rotating among various assignments, interns work with library collections, manage research projects, lead tours, and help staff the museum and gift shop. In their free time, they socialize with fellow interns (most of whom are recent college graduates from the UK), explore the Lake District, and complete BYU coursework. These varied experiences allow student interns to acquire expertise in Romantic-era literature, history, and culture; transferable skills working in museum, archival, and heritage settings; and 12 hours of academic credit, 6 of which can count toward the English major.

QUALIFICATIONS
Wordsworth Trust internships are reserved for advanced BYU English majors and HBLL student employees preparing for careers as scholars, librarians, or museum specialists. If no qualified English or HBLL students apply for a given slot, students from other majors may be considered. English majors should complete ENGL 291 and 292 in advance of the internship and, if possible, ENGL 387 (formerly 374). Successful applicants will demonstrate strong communication and interpersonal skills, stable physical and mental health, the experience and maturity to flourish in an environment where they might be the only American and Latter-day Saint, and the dependability to preserve BYU’s strong relationship with the Trust.

DATES
Internships are 14 weeks long and correspond roughly with BYU’s academic calendar. Fall internships generally run from late August through early December, Winter internships from mid-January through late April, and Spring/Summer internships from early May through mid-August.
HOUSING
As part of the program cost, BYU students live in a private, furnished bedroom in an on-site house at the Trust. Internet and utilities are included, and students share a bathroom, kitchen, and commons area with other interns.

COST
The program cost for the 2021-22 academic year is $3,200 (payable to BYU). This covers LDS undergraduate tuition ($2,985 per semester), housing at the Trust, international health insurance, and processing fees for a UK visa. It does not include airfare, other travel expenses, meals, and personal expenses. With these additional costs, students generally spend approximately $6,000-7,000 total (before scholarships, stipends, and other forms of financial aid are applied).

SCHOLARSHIPS, STIPENDS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL AID
Although this is an unpaid internship, resourceful students often find ways to make it affordable. BYU scholarships and federal financial aid may be applied toward the program’s cost. English majors and others with a major in the College of Humanities qualify for experiential education stipends of $1,500–$2,500, depending on financial need (https://english.byu.edu/apply-internship-funding/). Interns sponsored by the library receive a $2,000 HBLL scholarship and may apply for additional funding through their department or college. Other potential funding sources include Humanities mentored learning grants, the English Department’s Wordsworth Fund, the Kennedy Center’s Global Opportunity Scholarships, and Honors thesis grants.

COURSE CREDIT AND PRE-DEPARTURE TRAINING
All interns receive 12 academic credits, which during Spring/Summer post as 6 hours per term. English majors generally earn 6 hours of ENGL 399R (3 of which fulfill the major’s English+ requirement), 3 of ENGL 384 (which fulfills the Major Authors requirement), and 3 of HCOLL 399R (which is required to receive Humanities funding). Other course combinations are possible according to individual needs. Accepted students should plan to take the 1-hour HCOLL 396R (Internship Preparation) class during the second block of the Fall or Winter semester prior to their internship.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES
Positions are filled up to a year advance as qualified and committed applicants come forward. Since there are no set deadlines, interested students should contact Dr. Paul Westover (paw@byu.edu) well in advance of when they would prefer to intern. After meeting with Dr. Westover, promising candidates will be asked to submit an application consisting of three items:
   1. A professional CV (or résumé);
   2. Contact info for two professors (preferably in literature or related fields) and at least one former employer;
   3. A letter of application addressed to the Wordsworth Trust.
After receiving applications, the Wordsworth Trust generally arranges Skype interviews with qualified candidates. Students should complete an official ISP application (which includes a non-refundable $35 processing fee) only after receiving an offer from the Wordsworth Trust.

FACULTY COORDINATORS
This program is coordinated by BYU’s two professors of British Romanticism, Drs. Nick Mason and Paul Westover. While interested students may receive information from either professor, all 2020–21 interns will work most closely with Dr. Westover. Library employees interested in pursuing the HBLL slot should contact Maggie Kopp (maggie_kopp@byu.edu) or John Murphy (john_m_murphy@byu.edu) in Special Collections. While the coordinators and ISP will provide logistical and academic supervision, no BYU faculty member will be in residence at the Trust. Interns’ primary supervisor in the UK will be Melissa Mitchell, the Trust’s associate curator.

PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
ISP reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost estimates due to tuition increases and other conditions beyond its control.