



WE ARE BYU

ADMISSION GUIDE 2021



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INSPIRING

LEARNING

"I hope we inspire our students to learn. And I hope that learning leads to inspiration. When both things happen, inspiring learning occurs."

PRESIDENT KEVIN J. WORTHEN

Inspiring Fieldwork

 Living in the world's coldest capital city, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, coal is often the only affordable source of heat for the traditional ger, a round tent-like construction where the entire family lives. Unfortunately, coal is one of the dirtiest air pollutants and the pollution is so bad that it has severely limited the lung capacity of the capital's children.



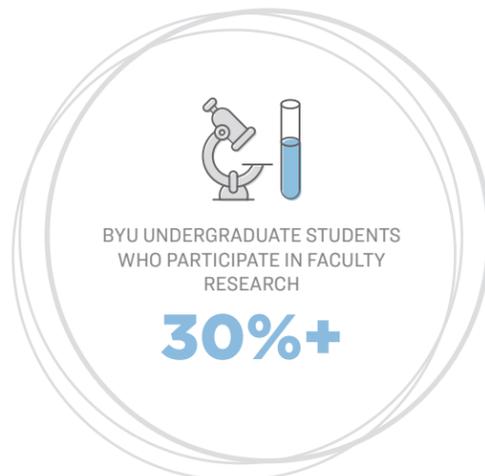
BYU engineering students and faculty went to Mongolia committed to solve what seemed like an impossible problem. Simply replacing the coal burning stove at the center of the ger with an electric stove would not be enough. They also needed to find a cost effective way to make gers more energy efficient.



The teams designed solutions at BYU and then tested them on-site in Ulaanbaatar and they worked! For a minimal cost of \$400, the team can retrofit a ger to make it warm, affordable, and above all, safe to live in. Hundreds of gers have been replaced and the hope is that the solution can be provided to thousands in the future.

"We knew the air was dry, the nights were cold, and the pollution was killing these people, but until going there, we didn't understand what the Mongolian people had to endure every day."

— Dylan Sellers, Electrical Engineering, 2019



Inspiring Service

 BYU students are using a fish to teach social skills to children with autism. These aren't just any students. One of the students on this project, Bruna Goncalves, developed a passion for behavioral research while working with her sister who suffers from cystic fibrosis. Dr. Ryan Kellems, assistant professor in counseling psychology and special education, said her unique perspective enriched his research team. And this isn't just any fish. Marla is an animated fish that is controlled by an operator in another room. Her mouth moves in alignment with whatever the operator says into a microphone, allowing her to interact with viewers in real time.

The research team uses Marla the fish because they have found that many children with autism who struggle with conversation and eye contact are riveted by animated characters. Marla could hold their attention long enough that operators could teach the children the steps to start a conversation. After some practice, the children confidently tested their new skills with real people, including other children. Their parents said that the live animation teaching method made a difference in their lives and the lives of their children. Bruna wasn't done with her research when the project was completed. Not only did she help design and conduct the research, she also co-presented the findings with Dr. Kellems at two national conferences and has been accepted to a graduate program.

"I saw kids, who initially hid under the table so they wouldn't have to talk to us, build their confidence and become willing to talk to others even though it was hard for them. Many made new friends, and even taught their peers!"

— Bruna Goncalves, Special Education, 2019

Inspiring Mentorship

 Samoa has the highest rate of rheumatic heart disease in the world. Caused by untreated strep throat which can lead to heart damage, the disease can be deadly if untreated. Through a program called Rheumatic Relief, BYU student volunteers and alumni help to screen children for RHD and, working with the Samoan government, refer them for life-saving treatment.

These BYU students are the first line of diagnosis for possible RHD among the Samoan children. They engage with the children by performing puppet shows in Samoan and teaching songs to help the children know when to seek help for a sore throat. BYU students spend the semester prior to their trip learning these Samoan songs and phrases. As of 2019, more than 30,000 children have been screened and 685 were referred for treatment.

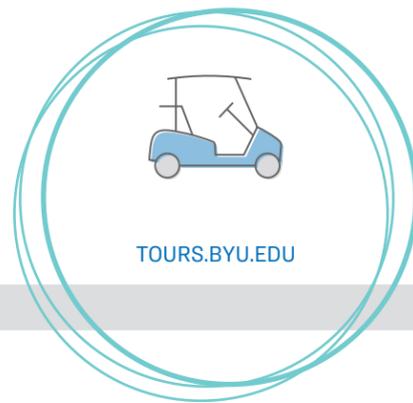
"My students get to shadow professionals in multiple health-related fields, and see first-hand how their education enables them to serve others."

— Dr. Lori B. Allen, Department of Biology



BYU GRADUATES WHO GO ON TO EARN DOCTORATES
(National Opinion Research Center)

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TAKE

A VIRTUAL TOUR



STUDENT LIFE

33,511

TOTAL DAYTIME STUDENTS

27%

MARRIED STUDENTS



11

NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

65%

STUDENTS SPEAK A SECOND LANGUAGE

184

YSA WARDS THAT MEET ON CAMPUS

MASCOT: COSMO THE COUGAR



50/50

MALE TO FEMALE STUDENT RATIO

53

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

120+

CLUBS ON CAMPUS



AIMS

OF A BYU EDUCATION

Common Aims of BYU

BYU seeks to develop students of faith, intellect, and character who have the skills and the desire to continue learning and to serve others throughout their lives. These are the common aims of all education at BYU.

What We Look For

There is no secret formula for admission to BYU. All applications go through a holistic review, meaning everything in the application is considered. Take the opportunity to tell us about yourself. Make sure the work is your own and be thorough. Your application, including your essays, should demonstrate your preparation in these four areas:

- SPIRITUALLY STRENGTHENING
- INTELLECTUALLY ENLARGING
- CHARACTER BUILDING
- LEADING TO LIFELONG LEARNING AND SERVICE

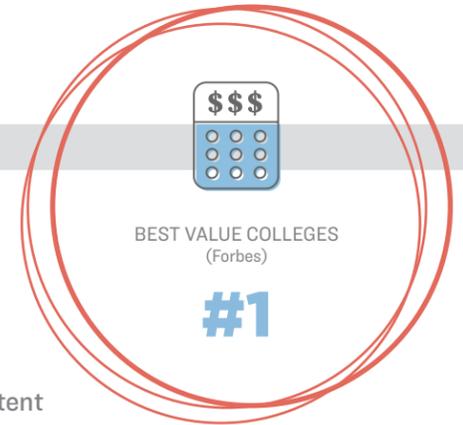


“Pursue your education as a priority of the highest order. Gain all the education you can. With us as Latter-day Saints, education is a religious responsibility.”

PRESIDENT RUSSELL M. NELSON



BYU DEVOTIONALS AND SPEECHES



your character and pursue a life consistent with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

LEADING TO LIFELONG LEARNING AND SERVICE

Students “enter to learn” at BYU and then “go forth to serve.”

Our graduates use what they learn to make the world a better place. We look for students that already have a love of learning and a sincere desire to serve others. Cultivate your love of service through sustained exposure to meaningful service opportunities. BYU offers learning and service opportunities through various clubs and organizations that will help you continue your commitment to lifelong learning and service.

On the Web



- Aims of a BYU Education: aims.byu.edu
- To better understand these principles: admissions.byu.edu/aboutaims

SPIRITUALLY STRENGTHENING

“The founding charge of BYU is to teach every subject with the Spirit.”

BYU provides a world-class education within a spiritual environment. To help you feel comfortable here, we recommend attending, participating in, and graduating from LDS seminary. We also recommend that you regularly participate in church meetings, programs, and activities. If you are spiritually prepared, BYU will provide you with the opportunity to strengthen your testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ while studying for your degree.

INTELLECTUALLY ENLARGING

“Members of the BYU community rigorously study academic subjects in the light of divine truth.”

To be prepared academically, we recommend you take challenging, college preparatory classes during high school. We also encourage you to pursue your passions inside and outside of the classroom. Your academic preparation will allow you to learn from BYU’s faculty and even work alongside them in their research and fieldwork.

CHARACTER BUILDING

“BYU has always cared as much about strong moral character as about great mental capability.”

A person of character should have a strong work ethic and be able to demonstrate resilience and honesty. You should be respectful of others despite differences, honor commitments, and have integrity in all you do. The BYU community will support you as you continue to strengthen

ADMISSION

STATISTICS

Freshmen: Spring/Summer/Fall 2020

ACADEMICS	
Middle 50% unweighted high school GPA	3.82 – 3.99
Middle 50% ACT score	26 – 32
Middle 50% SAT score	1230 – 1420

APPLICATION	
Completed applications	11,593
Applicants accepted	7,942
Acceptance rate	68.5%

Transfer: Spring/Summer/Fall 2020

ACADEMICS	
Middle 50% transfer GPA	3.60 – 3.93

APPLICATION	
Completed applications	2,599
Applicants accepted	1,680
Acceptance rate	64.6%



On the Web 

- Admission Statistics: admissionstats.byu.edu
- AP/IB Credit: apib.byu.edu
- Facebook: facebook.com/byuadmissions 
- Instagram: instagram.com/byuadmissions 

APPLICATION

DEADLINES

Application deadlines are final. In order to submit your application, we must receive ALL application materials—including those submitted by others on your behalf. Any application not submitted by the deadline will not be considered.

Freshman Application Deadlines

	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Fall 2021
Application Available	August 26, 2020	August 26, 2020	August 26, 2020
Priority Deadline*	November 2, 2020	November 2, 2020	November 2, 2020
Deadline	December 15, 2020	December 15, 2020	December 15, 2020
ACT/SAT Deadline**	January 8, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 8, 2021
Admission & Scholarship Notification	February 15, 2021	February 15, 2021	February 15, 2021

NOTES:

- All deadlines are 11:59 PM (Mountain Time). Although our offices will close at 6:00 PM, the application will still be available online through 11:59 PM (Mountain Time).
- Because of the level of intellectual, social, and emotional maturity required of university students, BYU does not admit applicants who will be less than 17 years of age by the first day of class.

*Applicants who submit the application

by the priority deadline will receive extra consideration in the admission process.

**Due to limited availability of ACT and SAT exam options during the COVID-19 global pandemic, most applicants are not required to submit a standardized test score to be considered for admission to BYU for spring, summer, fall 2021 and winter 2022. However, you may choose to submit a test score if you feel it will strengthen your application. You will be able to submit your application

without an ACT or SAT test score by either the priority or final deadline. However, you will need to submit an official test score by the ACT/SAT deadline listed above if you would like it considered in your application evaluation. If you submit your application with an ACT or SAT test score and are retaking a test, you can also submit your new official test score by January 8, 2021 for consideration in your application. For more details see: testoptional.byu.edu.

Transfer Application Deadlines

	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Fall 2021
Application Available	August 26, 2020	August 26, 2020	August 26, 2020
Deadline	December 15, 2020	December 15, 2020	December 15, 2020* June 1, 2021
ACT/SAT Deadline***	January 8, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 8, 2021
Decision Notification	February 15, 2021	February 15, 2021	February 15, 2021** June 28, 2021

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*In order to be considered for eligible scholarships, transfer applicants must apply and complete the BYU scholarship application by this deadline.

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On the Web 

- Application Deadlines: deadlines.byu.edu
- Test Optional: testoptional.byu.edu
- Admission Application: apply.byu.edu

MISSIONARY

SERVICE DEFERMENT

“Young men and women, your education is ever important—to us, to you, and to God. Where feasible, if you wish to attend a college or university after your mission, we encourage you to apply to your institution of choice before beginning your mission. Many institutions of higher learning will grant an 18- to 30-month deferral to prospective missionaries. This will enable you elders and sisters to serve without worrying about where you will begin your advanced education.”

—President Russell M. Nelson

You may defer your BYU enrollment (and scholarship, if applicable) for a Latter-day Saint mission by completing a mission deferment form online.



SISTER / ELDER
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

66% STUDENTS HAVE
SERVED MISSIONS

On the Web



- Mission Deferment: deferment.byu.edu

HOUSING

SELECTION

You may live in either on- or BYU-contracted off-campus housing. Most freshmen choose to live on campus their first year, but it is not a requirement. Both dormitory-style (meals provided) and apartment-style (cook your own meals) housing options are available on campus. Additionally, a Foreign Language Student Residence option is available for students who want a unique language immersion experience.

If you wish to live on campus you do not need to complete a separate application for housing. Admitted students are offered on-campus

housing in the order they submit their admission application. A place in on-campus housing is not guaranteed, but the earlier you submit your admission application, the more likely you are to receive your housing preference.

On the Web



- Housing: housing.byu.edu

PAYING

FOR BYU

Cost of Attendance 2020-21*

Latter-day Saint Tuition	\$5,970
Non-Latter-day Saint Tuition	\$11,940
Room & Board	\$7,808
Books & Supplies	\$896
Personal Expenses	\$2,408
Transportation	\$2,512
Loan Fees	\$60
Latter-day Saint Total	\$19,654
Non-Latter-day Saint Total	\$25,624

*Based on two semesters. All costs, except for tuition, are estimates.

SCHOLARSHIPS

For scholarship consideration, you must do two things along with your application for admission:

- **Submit the BYU Scholarship Application**
Prospective new freshmen are eligible to apply for undergraduate scholarships beginning with the term/semester they are admitted. All prospective students must complete a scholarship application by the appropriate deadline in order to be considered. Academic scholarships for freshman students are determined on the basis of academic indicators, including high school grade point averages. For the 2021-22 incoming class, ACT/SAT scores will be optional. However, with or without a test score, we are confident that we have sufficient information to rank students and make meaningful distinctions in awarding scholarships.

In addition to academic scholarships, the BYU Financial Aid Office offers hundreds of scholarships based on financial need and other criteria. To apply for these, complete the online scholarship application by the appropriate

scholarship deadline. Also, check with the department and college of your major to explore other opportunities and program-specific aid.

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
Apply for federal financial aid by filling out a FAFSA (fafsa.ed.gov) regardless of whether you think you'll qualify for any help. There is a link for the FAFSA application in the BYU scholarship application. A submitted FAFSA is required to be considered for all federal and BYU need-based awards. For BYU scholarship purposes, the FAFSA needs to be submitted by the appropriate scholarship deadline.

COUGAR PELL PROMISE

Approximately 42% of enrolled new freshmen receive a scholarship. Additionally, BYU will assist in meeting full Latter-day Saint tuition costs for newly admitted freshmen who:

- Apply for admission directly out of high school
- Submit the FAFSA by the appropriate scholarship deadline, and qualify for an initial Federal Pell Grant
- Remain in good academic standing (maintain a cumulative 2.00 BYU GPA)

As such, students who qualify for the Cougar Pell Promise will have their tuition costs met each year. Specific details and requirements may be found at cougarpellpromise.byu.edu.

On the Web



- Scholarships: scholarships.byu.edu
- FAFSA: fafsa.ed.gov
- Cougar Pell Promise: cougarpellpromise.byu.edu

BYU #1



UNIVERSITIES WORTH THE COST
(Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education)

MAJORS

OFFERED



BUSINESS

marriottschool.byu.edu

- Accounting*
- Business Management*
- Entrepreneurial Management*
- Experience Design & Management*
- Finance*
- Global Supply Chain Management*
- Human Resource Management*
- Information Systems*
- Marketing*
- Strategic Management*

EDUCATION

education.byu.edu

- Communication Disorders*
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Physical Education Teaching/
Coaching (K-12)
- Special Education*
 - Mild/Moderate Disabilities*
 - Severe Disabilities*

ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

et.byu.edu

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Construction & Facilities Mgmt
 - Construction Management
 - Facility & Property Management
- Cybersecurity
- Electrical Engineering
- Industrial Design*
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing Engineering

- Mechanical Engineering*
- Technology & Engineering Studies
 - Teaching
 - Technical

FAMILY, HOME, & SOCIAL SCIENCES

fhss.byu.edu

- Anthropology
 - Archaeology
 - Sociocultural
- Economics
- Family & Consumer Sci Education
- Family History–Genealogy
- Family Life
 - Family Studies
 - Human Development
- Geography
 - Environmental Studies
 - Geospatial Intelligence
 - Geospatial Science & Technology
 - Global Studies
 - Tourism Studies
 - Urban & Regional Planning
- History
- History Teaching
- Neuroscience
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Science Teaching
- Sociology

FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATIONS

cfac.byu.edu

- Acting*
- Animation*
- Art*
- Art Education K-12*
- Commercial Music*
- Communications*
 - Advertising*
 - Communications Studies*
 - Journalism*
 - Public Relations*

- Dance*
- Dance Education K-12*
- Design*
- Graphic Design*
- Illustration*
- Media Arts Studies*
- Music*
 - Music Composition*
 - Music Dance Theatre*
 - Music Education*
 - K-12 Choral*
 - K-12 General Music*
 - K-12 Instrumental*
 - Music Performance*
 - Brass*
 - Combined Piano & Organ*
 - Organ*
 - Percussion*
 - Piano*
 - String*
 - Vocal*
 - Woodwind*
- Photography*
- Theatre Arts Education K-12
- Theatre Arts Studies

HUMANITIES

humanities.byu.edu

- American Studies
- Arabic Language
- Art History & Curatorial Studies
- Chinese
- Classical Studies
 - Classical Civilization
 - Classics
 - Greek
 - Latin
- Comparative Literature
- Editing & Publishing
- English
- English Language
- English Teaching
- French
- French Studies
- French Teaching
- German
 - Linguistics
 - Literature/Film/Culture
- German Studies

- German Teaching
- Interdisciplinary Humanities
- Italian
- Italian Studies
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latin Teaching
- Linguistics
- Philosophy
- Portuguese
- Portuguese Studies
- Russian
- Spanish
- Spanish Studies
- Spanish Teaching*
- Spanish Translation*

INTERNATIONAL & AREA STUDIES

kennedy.byu.edu

- Ancient Near Eastern Studies
 - Greek New Testament
 - Hebrew Bible
- Asian Studies
 - China Studies
 - Japan Studies
 - Korea Studies
- European Studies
- International Relations
- Latin American Studies
- Middle East Studies/Arabic

LIFE SCIENCES

lifesciences.byu.edu

- Athletic Training
- Biodiversity & Conservation
- Bioinformatics
- Biological Science Education
- Biology
- Biophysics
- Dietetics*
- Environmental Science
- Exercise & Wellness
- Exercise Science
- Food Science
- Genetics, Genomics, & Biotechnology
- Landscape Management
- Medical Laboratory Science*
- Microbiology

- Molecular Biology
- Nutritional Science
- Physiology & Devt Biology
- Public Health
 - Envi/Occupational Health
 - Epidemiology
 - Health Promotion
 - Health Science
- Wildlife & Wildlands Conservation

NURSING

nursing.byu.edu

- Nursing*

PHYSICAL & MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

cpms.byu.edu

- Actuarial Science
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Chemistry Education
- Computer Science
 - Animation*
 - Bioinformatics
 - Data Science
 - Software Engineering
- Earth & Space Science Education
- Geology
- Mathematics
 - Applied & Computational Math
- Mathematics Education
- Physical Science Education
- Physics
- Physics, Applied
- Physics & Astronomy
- Physics Education
- Statistics
 - Applied Statistics & Analytics
 - Biostatistics
 - Data Science
 - Statistical Science

NOTES:

- These majors are correct at time of printing
- *Limited-enrollment programs (department approval required)

On the Web



- Majors Details: majors.byu.edu
- Majors Videos: majorsnippets.byu.edu

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UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

88

MASTERS

32

DOCTORATE



BYU GRADUATES WHO GO ON TO EARN DOCTORATES (National Opinion Research Center)

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MORE FUN FACTS

AND RANKINGS

7 SKI RESORTS WITHIN 60 MILES OF CAMPUS

APPROXIMATELY **20,000** ON-CAMPUS STUDENT JOBS

131 LANGUAGES SPOKEN ON CAMPUS

STUDENTS WHO WORK ON CAMPUS **50%**

REPPIN' THE Y

STUDENTS REPRESENTING ALL 50 STATES **95%**

17% STUDENTS WHO STUDY ABROAD WHILE AT BYU

62 LANGUAGES TAUGHT REGULARLY ON CAMPUS

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GO COUGS!

#5 GRADUATES WITH THE LEAST DEBT (U.S. News & World Report)

#1 STONE COLD SOBER SCHOOLS (Princeton Review)

500+ ANNUAL PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

229 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS IN **80** COUNTRIES

RISE AND SHOUT

380' HEIGHT OF THE Y ON Y MOUNTAIN

5% INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS REPRESENTING 103 COUNTRIES

#13 MOST EMPLOYABLE GRADUATES IN THE U.S. (Times Higher Education)

FOR MORE BYU FUN FACTS

Brigham Young University (BYU), is affiliated with and supported by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and is part of the Church Educational System (CES). BYU exists to provide an education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In compliance with applicable state and federal nondiscrimination laws (e.g., Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504), BYU does not unlawfully discriminate against applicants for admission based upon race, color, national origin, religion,

sex, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. Applicants who meet the requirements for admission and agree to abide by the Church Educational System Honor Code are accepted for enrollment based upon their qualifications and available space. To maintain an educational atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a lawful admission preference is given to members of the Church in good standing.

Questions or complaints about unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex (including sexual harassment

and other forms of sexual misconduct) may be referred to the Title IX coordinator at 1085 WSC, 801-422-8692, or t9coordinator@byu.edu. Questions or complaints about unlawful discrimination on any other basis listed above may be referred to the equal opportunity manager at D-282 ASB, 801-422-5895, eo_manager@byu.edu. Individuals with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations by contacting the University Accessibility Center at 2170 WSC, 801-422-2767, uacfrontdesk@byu.edu.



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Admissions Office

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