

As an international student, I have travelled over 10,000 miles to BYU to start my Ph.D. experience. My time at BYU is not only research and coursework—it's a combination of growth, faith, and discovery. At BYU, I gained not only technical expertise but also a vision for how science can serve people.

As a Ph.D. student in chemical engineering, I pursued renewable energy and green chemistry with one question in mind: how can I use my knowledge to solve global challenges? That question led me to one of my proudest achievements—developing a way to transform plastic waste into edible protein. The project received the 2021 Future Insight Prize, a €1 million award, and was even featured on FOX News. This recognition makes me feel grateful for everything at BYU, which made this achievement possible.

Now, as a New Product Launch Engineer at BASF, I continue to see the light I cultivated at BYU guiding me. I've been leading projects that generated over \$10 million in value, thanks to BYU's cultivation and support that I am still benefiting from.

To me, being a beacon of light means using knowledge to go and serve. This journey started at BYU.