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Vanderbilt University to Host Career Workshop for Gilman Program Alumni

Vanderbilt University will host a daylong career readiness workshop for approximately 50 alumni of the U.S. Department of State's prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program on August 2, 2019. This workshop is part of the State Department's ongoing efforts to help Gilman alumni turn their experiences abroad into meaningful careers at home. Additional workshops were hosted this year by City University of New York Lehman College and the University of Chicago in June.

Workshop attendees will learn how to best articulate skills gained abroad on resumes, during interviews, and while networking. Through these skill-building activities, employer panels, and networking sessions, alumni will explore how to use their new language abilities, regional knowledge, and cross-cultural communication skills to launch their careers, thereby advancing the economic prosperity and security of their home communities and the United States at large.

"Gilman Scholars, whether through an internship or study abroad, gain critical skills to adapt and function in a cross-cultural environment," said Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Marie Royce. "We are pleased to support our outstanding Gilman alumni through these career-enhancing initiatives."

The Gilman Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, with funding provided by the U.S. Government and supported in its implementation by the Institute of International Education. The Gilman Program provides over 3,000 scholarships a year to outstanding American undergraduate students who, due to financial constraints, might not otherwise study abroad. Since the program's establishment in 2001, more than 30,000 Gilman scholars from all U.S. states and territories have studied or interned in nearly 150 countries around the globe.

The Gilman Program particularly focuses on supporting first-generation college students, students in the STEM fields, ethnic and racial minority students, students with disabilities, student veterans, students attending community colleges and minority serving institutions, and other populations underrepresented in study abroad, as well as broadening the diversity of destinations where scholars study or intern.

To learn more about the Gilman Program and how its diverse alumni are entering into impactful careers in the government, non-profit, and private sectors, contact eca-press@state.gov and visit www.gilmanscholarship.org.

To learn more about study abroad programs and opportunities at Vanderbilt University, please contact Vanderbilt Global Education Office at geo@vanderbilt.edu.