

BROOKE TERKOVICH | CHILE, 2017

- Biology major and chemistry minor/pre-med track at Whitman College
- Increased Spanish language skills
- Gained professional experience through a month long independent research project
- Blogged about experience abroad as a Gilman Global Experience blogger

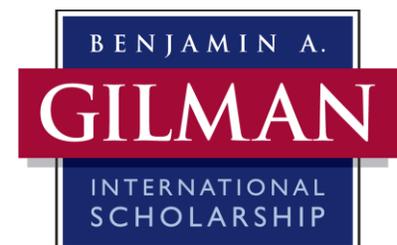


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During her independent study project, Brooke discovered how even basic understanding and acceptance of cultural differences can improve the quality of a patient's care exponentially. Her research project focused on the community and traditional doctors' perspectives on the intercultural health care system in Putre, Chile. She used the information that she learned throughout her month long stay in Putre and the surrounding Andes towns to write a thesis on the potential for the current system in Putre to spread to other locations in Chile and around the world, as well as analyzing the shortcomings within the system suggesting some possible improvements.

Brooke's time in Chile not only provided her a clearer understanding of potential career opportunities, but also increased her adaptability and Spanish language skills. The time abroad equipped her with valuable personal relations skills, such as cultural awareness, sensitivity, and tolerance, that she will carry with her throughout her career and daily life.

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