The Gilman International Scholarship Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and supported in its implementation by the Institute of International Education (IIE).
Gilman Program’s Impact

- 47% were first-generation college students
- 65% represented racial or ethnic minority groups
- 31,000+ U.S. undergraduates of high financial need
- 150+ countries
- 1,300+ U.S. institutions represented
- 233 Student veteran Gilman Scholars
Eligibility

- U.S. Citizen – Veterans Preferred
- Undergraduate Student
- Federal Pell Grant Recipient
- Credit-bearing Program
- Minimum 3 weeks (21 days) or 2 weeks (14 days) if at two-year institution
- Studying in a country or area with overall Travel Advisory Level 1 or 2
Gilman-McCain Scholarship

- Congressionally funded initiative
- Named after late senator John S. McCain (Arizona).
- $5,000 awards
- Child dependents of active duty service members
Gilman-McCain Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- Undergraduate student
- Traveling in a country or area with overall Travel Advisory Level 1 or 2
- Minimum 3 weeks (21 days) or 2 weeks (14 days) if at two-year institution
- Dependent Child of active duty military member(s) during time of application (Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard)
- Recipient of any type of Title IV federal financial aid
Timelines & Deadlines

October 2019
Deadline
Closed

Application Opens
Mid-August

Applicant Deadline
1st Tuesday in October*

Advisor Deadline
2nd Tuesday in October*

March 2020 Deadline
Abroad Program Starts
May 1, 2020-
April 30, 2021

Application Opens
Mid-January

* Tuesday, March 3rd

* Tuesday, March 10th

*11:59pm Pacific Time
Application: 2-Step Process

1. Student Application
   - Abroad Program Info
   - Essays
   - Unofficial Transcript(s)
   - Select Certifying Advisors

2. Advisor Certifications
   - Study Abroad Advisor
   - Financial Aid Advisor
Advisor Spotlights

Lauren Bartshe-Hanlen
Assistant Director
Office of National Scholarships

Lauren Roberts
Assistant Scholarship Advisor
Working with Student Veterans
Recruitment, Advising, and Success in the Gilman Scholarship Application Process
Our University

- Large public research university, founded in 1956
- Total system enrollment: 50,755
- Roughly 40% non-white
- Roughly 40% Pell-eligible
- Office of National Scholarships: 4 full time staff
General Challenges

- Navigating study abroad process
- Coordinating with financial aid
- Marketing and recruitment
- Students have to self-reveal diversity factors
General Recruitment & Advising

- Data sharing & email campaigns
- Partnerships with study abroad office
- Presentations in first year seminars “Academic Foundations”
- Writing workshops
- Special workshop on preparing first-time travelers to go abroad
Recruiting Student Veterans

- Partnership with the Office of Veteran Success
  - Targeted Emails
  - Presentations
  - Study Abroad discussed in “Veteran Success Course” the “Academic Foundations” course substitute for veterans
  - Utilize past Gilman recipients in recruitment
What are common barriers that Veterans face in applying for the Gilman Scholarship?

- Many student veterans struggle to envision themselves in a study abroad program
  - Age & (Student) Culture Gaps
  - Degree-applicable coursework & VA funding
  - Managing responsibilities: family/children, employment
  - Previous International Experience
In what ways does our team tackle these obstacles?

- Advise study abroad programs that fit needs
- Emphasize self-revealing diversity factors in essay
- Connect with past recipients
- Discuss:
  - Age and culture gaps
  - Budget/obligations
  - Past international experiences
  - Non-competitive hiring benefits
Integrating Military Experience in Gilman Essays:

- Academic Preparedness
- Career Trajectory
- Representing the United States
- Follow-On Project
Resources to learn more about Veteran success:

- Speak with your Veteran Success Office / VA Certifying Official
- [www.studentveterans.org](http://www.studentveterans.org) – Student Veterans of America
- [https://www.military.com/education](https://www.military.com/education) - Resources for Veterans about education benefits and transitioning from military to college
Q&A

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Official Website  Gilmanscholarship.org
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Gilman-McCain  Gilmanscholarship.org/program/gilman-mccain-scholarship
Advisors Page  Gilmanscholarship.org/advisors

Gilman Campus Advisors Community  Fb.com/groups/gilmancampusadvisors