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THE BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Students seeking to study or intern in New Zealand can apply now through March 3, 2020

February 19, 2020 – The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs is proud to continue its Gilman-Education New Zealand partnership. The Gilman-Education New Zealand Scholarship is a prestigious program for high-achieving U.S. students wishing to study in New Zealand. The Gilman-Education New Zealand Partnership was originally put into place in 2017 as the first government-to-government agreement in support of the Gilman Program. Through renewing this agreement, Education New Zealand Manapou ki te Ao (ENZ) is committing \$250,000 over the next five years to support the U.S. Department of State's [Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program's](#) scholars to study and/or intern for academic credit in New Zealand. This funding will be matched by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs which sponsors the Gilman Program worldwide.

ENZ is New Zealand's government agency for building international education and promoting New Zealand as a study destination. This partnership sustains a wider effort by the U.S. Department of State's [Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs](#) and ENZ to support students who have traditionally been underrepresented in study abroad.

"Studying abroad has been one of the most fulfilling and transformational experiences of my life. It was a time of exposure, experience, and personal development. One of my favorite things about New Zealand is the culture of its indigenous Māori people and the universities' emphasis on encouraging local and international students in learning the culture and language of the Māori so that it can continue to be passed on from generation to generation," said Jennifer Moran, Gilman Scholar 2018.

The application is now open for U.S. undergraduate students whose programs start between May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021. This application encompasses Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Academic Year 2020-2021, Winter 2021, and Spring 2021 programs. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm Pacific Time on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The Gilman Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and is supported in its implementation by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' (ECA) mission is to build relations between the people of the United States and the people of other countries through academic, cultural, sports, professional and private exchanges, as well as public-private partnerships and mentoring programs. These exchange programs improve foreign relations and strengthen the national security of the United States. ECA programs, funding, and other activities encourage the involvement of American and international participants from traditionally underrepresented groups, including women, racial and ethnic minorities, and

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