



GILMAN APPLICANT SURVEY

April/May 2020 Status of Abroad Programs

The Gilman Program sent a survey to all March 2020 Deadline applicants to collect updates on the status of their study abroad and global internship programs. Applicants were able to provide updates to their abroad programs and/or potential deferral plans, as well as express any challenges they may have about future abroad plans.

Abroad Concerns

Students were asked to select potential concerns they may have about studying abroad from the following options: finances, impact on degree plan, health, and family.

Potential Concerns	Program Applicants Indicated as Concern
Finances	83%
Health	39%
Impact on Degree Plan	45%
Family	22%

Deferral Plans

Deferral Rate for Canceled Programs

Summer 2020 Programs

77%

Fall 2020/Academic Year 2020/2021 Programs

79%

Out of the survey respondents originally going on Spring 2021 Programs, 95% indicated that their abroad program had NOT been cancelled. Of those with programs not cancelled, 97% of these students still plan on going abroad during Spring 2021.

Advisor Support

Students were asked to indicate how their campus advisors have supported them during this time. The Gilman Program identified the most common themes across all terms for how advisors are supporting these applicants (highest frequency at the top of the list):

1. Provided resources, alternative programs, or general updates
2. Provided virtual programming and/or webinars
3. Provided financial assistance or refunds

New Challenges

Applicants were asked to identify what new challenges they are currently facing with communicating with their advisors and their study abroad program administrators. These are the top 6 challenges that students are facing:

1. Maintaining timely and frequent contact with advisor/ program administrator
2. Concerns meeting academic program requirements to graduate
3. Internet connectivity and virtual communication issues

