



Benjamin A. Gilman
International Scholarship

Gilman Advisor Best Practices

Supporting Students in STEM

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studyabroad.state.gov
exchanges.state.gov



Eligibility

- U.S. Citizen
- 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

Virtual international programs & internships are eligible!





Gilman-McCain Scholarship

- Congressionally funded initiative
- Named after late senator John McCain
- \$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



2 Steps

1

Student Application

- Abroad Program Info
- Essays
- Unofficial Transcript(s)
- Select Advisors

2

Advisor Certifications

- Study Abroad Advisor
- Financial Aid Advisor



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**GA Tech
Snapshot**

**Advising
During
Application
Process**

Promotion

**Goals &
Dreams**



Georgia Tech Snapshot

- **11** Education Abroad Staff
- **56%** of undergraduates had international experience by graduation (2018-19)
- **130+** program options
 - Faculty Led Study Abroad & Exchanges
- **~60%** of students abroad sent by College of Engineering annually





Promotion



- Events always include scholarship info
- Website & Scholarships Database
- Bi-Weekly Newsletter(s) & Email Campaigns
 - Targeted emails using Terra Dotta
 - Email outreach to students who have taken prerequisites for a program



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Head to the polls!

Do you partner with your financial aid office to communicate with students regarding the Gilman?

Yes

No

**Not
Sure**

**Would
like to**



Promotion

- **Financial Aid**
 - Send a Gilman info email to Pell grant recipients
- **Academic advisors**
 - On-campus scholarship review processes
 - Academic advising groups & professional development





Head back to the polls!

Do you partner with your campus advisors or networks to communicate about study abroad opportunities?

Yes

No

**Not
Sure**

**Would
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Student Highlight

Meet Zivan!

- Aerospace Engineer
- Received Financial Aid Email about Gilman





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Advising During Application Process



- **Exchange & FLSA advising**
 - Finding courses that satisfy requirements
- **Campus Academic Advisors**
 - Courses taken abroad apply appropriately to degree progress
- **Essay Review**



Student Highlight

Meet Isha!

- Mechanical Engineer
- Worked on a previous scholarship





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Discussion

Type in the Chat

What are 1-3 strategies that
have worked for you at
your institution in reaching
STEM students?



Gilman Hopes & Dreams

- Targeted outreach to campus scholarship recipients
- More coordination with student follow-on projects
- Yearly participation in Gilman Selection Panels





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