Gilman Advisor Best Practices
Supporting Students in STEM

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).
Promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, and they do so by facilitating opportunities of academic, professional, athletic, and other cultural exchange.
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

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- Undergraduate student
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- 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
Advisors

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

Yes  No  Not Sure  Would like to
Student Highlight

Meet Zivan!

- Aerospace Engineer
- Received Financial Aid Email about Gilman
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
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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