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University of Maryland to Host Virtual Global Health Seminar for Gilman Alumni

On May 13 and 14, University of Maryland will host a virtual U.S. Future Leaders Topical Seminar for approximately 80 alumni of the U.S. Department of State’s Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program. The seminar, focusing on global health, is part of the State Department’s ongoing effort to position Gilman alumni as future American leaders across public and private sectors in fields of importance to U.S. national security and economic prosperity.

Gilman alumni working in the field of global health will participate in virtual trainings designed to further develop their topical expertise and hone their leadership skills. They will also expand their professional networks through virtual engagements with U.S. leaders from the public and private sectors. Alumni will leave the virtual seminar with the industry knowledge and cross-cultural skills they need to further build their careers in global health.

The Gilman Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, with funding provided by the U.S. Government and supported in its implementation by the Institute of International Education. It is part of the State Department’s ongoing efforts to increase and diversify the number of U.S. students studying abroad. As Secretary of State Anthony Blinken said, “People-to-people exchanges bring our world closer together and convey the best of America to the world, especially to its young people.”

The Gilman Program provides over 3,000 scholarships a year to outstanding American undergraduate students who, due to financial constraints, might not otherwise study abroad. Since the program began in 2001, more than 30,000 Gilman scholars from all U.S. states and territories have studied in nearly 150 countries. The program has yielded extraordinary results in supporting first-generation college students, ethnic and racial minority students, students with disabilities, student veterans, students attending two-year and minority serving institutions, and other populations underrepresented in study abroad, as well as broadening the diversity of destinations where scholars study or intern.

To learn more about the Gilman Program and how its diverse alumni are entering into impactful careers in the government, non-profit, and private sectors, contact eca-press@state.gov and visit www.gilmanscholarship.org.