

GILMAN ADVISOR SURVEY

April 2021

Status of Study Abroad

In April 2021, the Gilman Program sent a survey to all Gilman advisors to collect updates on their campuses' status and their work status. This summary covers a wide range of perspectives and updates from colleagues in the higher education community, including mostly study abroad advisors with 23% of advisors coming from Minority Serving Institutions.

Respondent Information

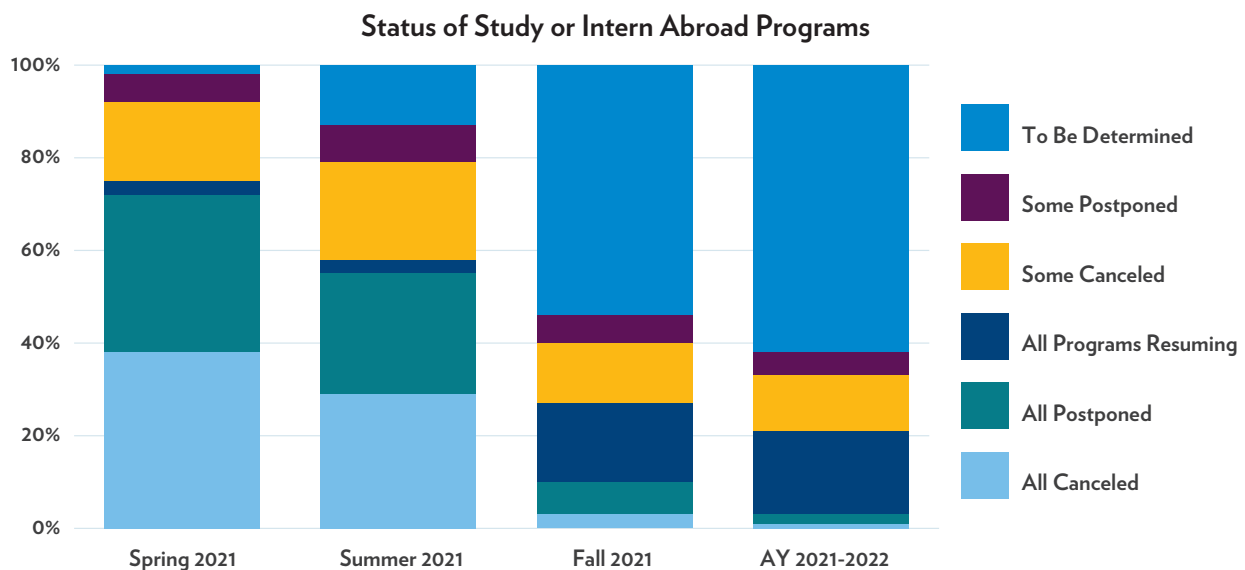
The survey was open from April 19-30, 2021. The survey returned 637 respondents representing 501 institutions, of which:

- Approximately 11% are community colleges.
- Approximately 10% are land-grant institutions.
- Approximately 23% are Minority Serving Institutions.

“Gilman is a powerful tool for promoting and attracting students with high financial need. Thank you very, very much.”
- Advisor Survey Respondent

Study Abroad Programs Status at Institutions

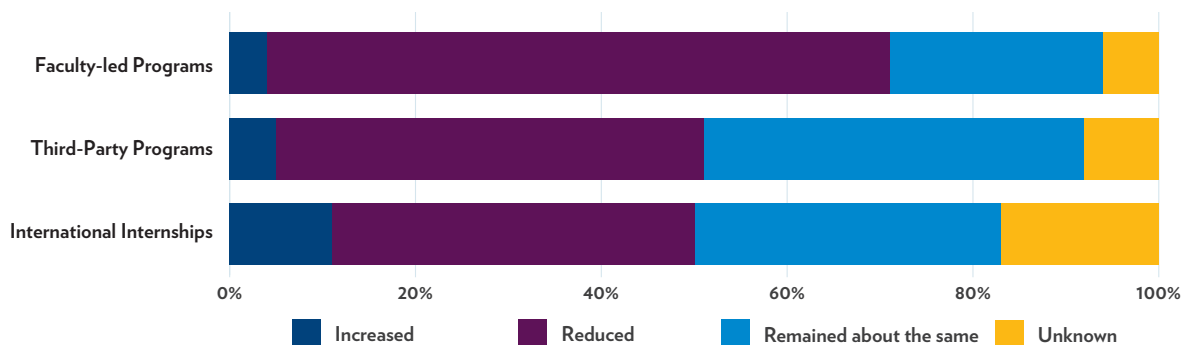
As institutions continue to make decisions about study abroad programs, 55% of in-person programs have been canceled or postponed for Summer 2021. This is to be expected as travel is still limited and there is a general concern for health and safety.



Click the following links to view historical data: [November 2020](#) | [July 2020](#) | [May 2020](#)

Status of Program Types at Institutions

For all program types, advisors saw a reduction in the numbers either because they have been canceled or postponed. More than half of study abroad advisors indicated that their institutions' faculty-led programs have been reduced.



Virtual Options Allowed by Institutions

Over the past six months, there has been an increase in institutions allowing for virtual and hybrid international study abroad or internship programs. Fifty percent of the respondents indicate that students are able to participate in virtual programs for 2021 programs. For 2022, decisions around virtual programs are still to be determined (35%).

	Is your institution allowing students to participate in virtual programs between now and December 31, 2021?	Is your institution allowing students to participate in virtual programs in 2022?
Yes	50%	31%
No	16%	12%
Unsure/Unknown	4%	6%
To Be Determined	13%	35%

Top Challenges Advisors are Facing in Their Work

Listed in order of highest to lowest frequency:

1. Planning for Fall 2021 term
2. Disruption to in-person meetings and/or student recruitment
3. Budget cuts for office, department, and/or staff
4. Increased demand for student support and advising
5. Staff or faculty remote work
6. Other: Zoom fatigue, job security, maintaining relevance, reduced staff, increased workload, uncertainty about future plans

"Gilman plays a crucial role in making international experiences possible—we are outspoken, passionate fans here!"

- Advisor Survey Respondent

83% of the respondents indicated that the Gilman Scholarship is important to their institution for sending their students abroad.

