

Abby Donovan

Gilman International Scholarship
Alumni Ambassador
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“My experience abroad led me to lifelong friends and memories I will never forget. Gilman can help make it happen for you, too!”

Abby spent the summer of 2019 at the Universidad de Valladolid, Spain, where she took 7 semester hours of credit focused on Spanish culture and language skills while meeting new people from all over the world. This experience broadened Abby’s understanding of culture and helped her develop a new way of understanding people from different backgrounds. The most influential parts of her trip included visiting major architectural landmarks and cultural museums across Spain.

After returning from her Gilman Scholarship experience in Spain, Abby received her bachelor’s degree in Communication Studies and Spanish. Since graduating, she has started a full-time position in a research lab, where she works with many people who come from different parts of the world. Abby’s participation in studying abroad has prepared her for a position that requires cross-cultural communication and independence.

- Received the Gilman Scholarship while attending the University of Iowa
- Improved Spanish skills through 7 semester hours of language and culture courses
- Became more independent and open-minded through traveling abroad
- Strengthened Spanish-speaking abilities, which now enables her to communicate proficiently with Spanish speakers within the professional workplace

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