

Ben Guo

Gilman International Scholarship
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“[Through the Gilman Scholarship,] I have obtained a broader, more international perspective, which has provided a new layer of responsibility of what it means to be a global citizen as well as an advocate for making studying abroad more accessible to all.”

While studying as a Gilman Scholar in London, Ben was exposed to the developments of Brexit. Through the lens of British politics, he saw the effects of people-to-people diplomacy and the intricacies needed to formulate substantial changes in society. This fueled his motivation to protect vulnerable populations through fairer housing and increased financial accessibility through programming, regulatory and policy reforms.

Upon returning from his Gilman Scholarship experience, Ben studied abroad briefly in Beijing, China, focusing on the FinTech industry. In addition, Ben was awarded the Hanyu Enrichment Scholarship to study Mandarin at National Taiwan University. He also interned at the U.S. Department of State within the Economic Bureau. Currently, Ben is an Associate Consultant at PwC, within the Banking and Capital Markets group in their New York City office, working on lending regulatory reform. Ben hopes to become a Foreign Service Officer.

- Received the Gilman Scholarship while attending Fordham University
- Explored bilateral trade policies between the U.S. and the UK, pre- and post-Brexit, and Brexit’s economic effects on the European Union (EU)
- Studied the fundamentals of international trade with an emphasis on public policy and securities reforms
- Served as an intern with the U.S. State Department’s Economic Bureau after his Gilman Scholarship, specifically the Transportation Division, working on airline negotiations policy during the COVID-19 pandemic

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