

Christina Tran

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“The Gilman Scholarship was a catalyst to my career and has helped me cultivate an international viewpoint.”

Christina received the Gilman Scholarship to support her pursuit of becoming a teacher, and the experience provided her first introduction to international education. Studying abroad in France, she stayed with a host family and volunteered to teach English at local middle schools in Lyon.

After returning from the Gilman Scholarship experience, she volunteered at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte’s Office of International Programs to continue advocating for the Gilman Scholarship and education abroad. She also interned as a French Teaching Assistant at the language immersion school in her hometown. After graduation, she returned to France to teach English for the Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF) while volunteering for EducationUSA in Paris. Christina’s goals are to mentor and encourage traditionally underrepresented students, including first-generation college students, to study, work or intern abroad.

- Received the Gilman Scholarship while attending the University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Studied French language, culture and pedagogy
- Proficient in three languages — French, Vietnamese and English
- Currently pursuing her master’s degree in International Education Management at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, California

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