

Erika Evatt

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“My online experience opened my eyes to the struggles that children experience on a global scale and the necessity to provide a better future for them.”

As a Gilman-McCain Scholar, Erika completed a virtual internship with a nonprofit located in Tokyo, Japan, called YouMeWe NPO. This organization’s mission is to help orphans in Tokyo to become financially independent and achieve higher education or find a job. They also provide educational and mental health services. During her time with YouMeWe, Erika learned different aspects of nonprofit management and gained practical experience.

After finishing her internship, she decided to stay with YouMeWe and continues to intern with them virtually. Erika will attend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for a master’s degree in Business beginning in August 2021. Eventually, Erika would like to work at the United States Embassy in Tokyo.

- Received the Gilman Scholarship while attending The Ohio State University
- Interned virtually with Japanese nonprofit YouMeWe NPO
- Strengthened Japanese language skills to communicate effectively with coworkers and customers, assist with translations and better understand Japan’s work culture

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