



Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

Highlighting Your Gilman Program Experience on LinkedIn

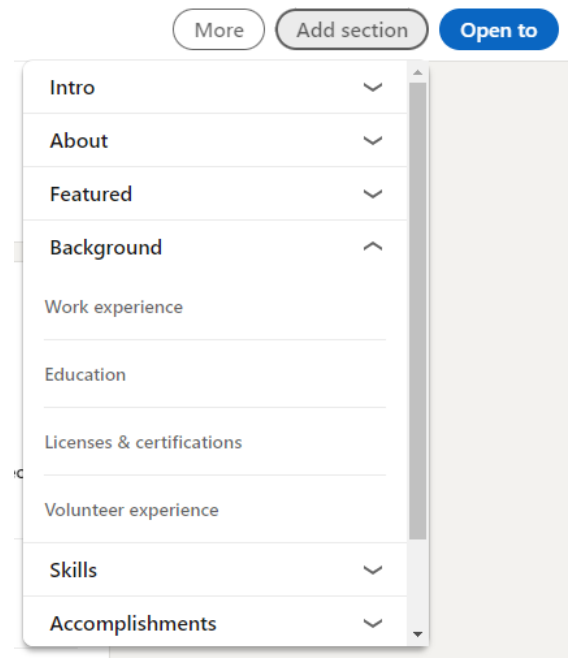
As an alum of the U.S. Department of State’s Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, your selection as a Gilman recipient and your experience studying or interning abroad are something to brag about! We encourage Gilman alumni to add the recognition of being a Gilman Scholar to their LinkedIn profile, as the Gilman Scholarship is a nationally competitive and prestigious award. By highlighting their Gilman Program experience in their LinkedIn profile, alumni display the transferable skills and knowledge they gained from studying or interning abroad to enhance their value to potential employers and networks.

List your Gilman Scholarship under *Honors & awards* within the **Accomplishments** section of your LinkedIn profile. You may also use this section to list other leadership accomplishments you acquired during your study abroad program (i.e., publications, projects, test scores).

If your study abroad program was primarily academic, list the program information under *Education* within the **Background** section.

If your study abroad program entailed an experiential learning component, such as an internship, work experience, or volunteer opportunity, list the program under *Work experience* or *Volunteer experience* within the **Background** section.

To locate these sections and add your corresponding information, click on the “Add Section” button in your LinkedIn profile page.



Accomplishments section:

- **Honors & awards**
 - List the Gilman Scholarship name as “Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship”
 - List the month and year when you were awarded the Gilman Scholarship (i.e., May 2021)
 - Enter the following description of the Gilman Scholarship: “The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program is a Congressionally funded program of the U.S. Department of State. The Gilman Program enables high-achieving American undergraduates to study or intern abroad by receiving a Gilman Scholarship.”



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Background section:

- **Education**

- List the name of the study abroad program or host university, followed by the city and country. (If you participated in a virtual program, then make sure to note this.)
- List the field of study or specific academic focus of the program
- List the term of enrollment (i.e., June 2019- August 2019)
- Provide a short description of the program to highlight the academic and personal impact:
 - Relevant coursework and research
 - Foreign language acquisition and level
 - Transferable skills gained *
 - Other involvement such extra-curricular activities

- **Work experience or Volunteer experience**

- List the title of the study abroad program, internship, or volunteer experience, and company/organization name
- List the city and country. (If you participated virtually, then make sure to note this.)
- List the dates that you participated.
- Provide a short description to highlight the professional and personal impact:
 - Foreign language acquisition and level
 - Transferable skills gained*
 - Relevant research if applicable

****Transferrable Skills:***

You can gain both technical and soft skills during your international experience, whether from your classes, research, internship, or extra-curricular activities. Reflect on your activities during your program and consider how you can identify the potentially valuable skills gained to your future job or career. Examples are provided below.

Technical Skills: interviewing, researching, budgeting, etc.

Soft Skills: flexibility, adaptability, teamwork, intercultural communication, resilience, etc.

Background section examples

For a study abroad program:



Example Study Abroad Program: Vilnius, Lithuania

Diplomacy and Policy Studies

2016 – 2016

- Completed 3 credits of coursework, including: Lithuanian Language, International Relations, and Economic Development.
- Studied the impact of Lithuanian exports on regional trade dynamics.
- Conducted research about regional diplomacy and domestic policies in Lithuania.



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For study abroad at a host university:



Universitat de Barcelona

Environmental Studies

2017 – 2017

- Completed 3 credits of coursework, including: Land Reclamation, Spain in World Politics, and Spanish Language.
- Conducted research about the results of local soil tests and their fluctuation due to climate change.
- Played tennis on the Universitat de Barcelona intramural team.

Work experience or Volunteer experience:



Example Study Abroad Program: South Korea, Virtual

South Korean International Internship - Internship

Mar 2020 – Mar 2021 : 1 yr 1 mo

Seoul, South Korea

- Completed 3 credit hours of coursework, including: Korean Language, East Asian Financial Development, International Area Studies.
- Held an internship with Korean Kids and Orphanage Outreach Mission.
- Volunteered as an English teacher at a local middle school.
- Conducted research regarding the effects of global economic policy on nonprofit outreach and impact.