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## **PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND THE GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE**

**February 2, 2022** – The U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program is proud to announce a new partnership with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The Gilman-DAAD Germany Scholarship will provide 40 additional scholarships per year for the next three years for exceptional U.S. undergraduate students to study and/or intern for academic credit in Germany through the Gilman Program. This new partnership represents the largest ever Gilman partnership to support American undergraduate students, who represent the diversity of the United States, to study or intern abroad.

The Gilman Program, funded by the U.S. Government, expands the U.S. population that studies and interns abroad by providing scholarships to approximately 3,000 outstanding U.S. undergraduate students annually who, due to financial constraints, might not otherwise have this opportunity. Since the Gilman Program's inception in 2001, more than 34,000 Gilman Scholars, representing all U.S. states and territories, have studied or interned in over 155 countries around the globe.

The additional funding for the Gilman-DAAD Germany Scholarship supports a wider effort to increase and diversify international student mobility among German and U.S. higher education institutions. Ethan Rosenzweig, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Academic Programs in the Department of State's Education and Cultural Affairs Bureau, said, "We are grateful to the German Academic Exchange Service in partnering with us on the Gilman-DAAD Germany Scholarship as we strive to make international educational experiences more accessible to all U.S. students. Study abroad is its own form of diplomacy with each student acting as a citizen ambassador in strengthening the connections between our two countries." Dr. Kai Sicks, Secretary General, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), noted, "The Gilman-DAAD Germany Award will provide study abroad opportunities in Germany for American students, who would not have been able to go abroad without this funding. This new cooperation with the U.S. Department of State and the Institute of International Education (IIE) allows us to welcome more students with diverse backgrounds at German universities. It is our hope that these study abroad experiences will lead to a life-long relationship with Germany and its people."

DAAD joins Portugal's Luso-American Development Foundation and the governments of New Zealand, Wales, France, and Israel, whose generous support for the Gilman Program increases and diversifies U.S. student mobility to these countries.

The Gilman Scholarship is now accepting new applications for international programs beginning between May 1, 2022, and April 30, 2023. Applications are due by March 1, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time. Visit <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/> for details. The Gilman Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) with funding provided by the U.S. government and is supported in its implementation by IIE.

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