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## Gilman Climate Leaders Virtual Seminar Series Launches on March 24

The U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, in partnership with Duke University's Energy Initiative and Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, is pleased to announce a free Gilman Climate Leaders Virtual Seminar Series focused on climate change and environmental sustainability, which will launch on March 24, 2022. The series has been created under the auspices of the Gilman Program for current Gilman scholars and alumni and is also free and open to all American students at U.S. colleges and universities. The virtual seminar series will run from March 24 through May 12, 2022.

As Secretary Blinken said at the COP-26 opening event in November 2021, "Many of you here today have emphasized in your activism and leadership that climate action is not about sacrifice. It's about opportunity. It's about innovation. It's about prosperity. It's about justice. And it's about building a future that we can all be proud of and the future that our children and grandchildren deserve." This seminar series will connect students and alumni with climate experts working at the forefront of their fields. To register or learn more about the series, please visit: <a href="https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/gilmanclimateleaders/">https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/gilmanclimateleaders/</a>.

Up to 50 Gilman scholars or alumni who participate in the virtual series will be selected for one of two fully funded overseas in-person seminars focused on climate change and environmental sustainability. These seminars, held in early June 2022, will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark and Sheffield, England, United Kingdom in partnership with the Fulbright Commissions in these countries.

The Gilman Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, with funding provided by the U.S. Government, and supported in its implementation by the Institute of International Education. It is part of the State Department's efforts to increase and diversify the number of U.S. students studying abroad. The Gilman Program provides over 3,000 scholarships a year to outstanding American undergraduate students who, due to financial constraints, might not otherwise study abroad. Since the program began in 2001, more than 34,000 Gilman scholars from all U.S. states and territories have studied in nearly 150 countries.

To learn more about the Gilman Program, visit <a href="www.gilmanscholarship.org">www.gilmanscholarship.org</a>. To learn more about Duke University's Energy Initiative or Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, please visit: <a href="https://energy.duke.edu/">https://energy.duke.edu/</a> and <a href="https://energy.duke.edu/">https://energy.duke.edu/</a>.