The U.S. Department of State’s Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program enables American undergraduate students with high financial need to study or intern abroad through scholarships of up to $5,000. Students studying critical need languages are eligible for scholarships up to $8,000. Over the past 20 years, the Gilman Program has provided access and opportunity to study abroad for more than 33,000 exceptional U.S. undergraduate students, who have gained skills critical to their personal and professional development, as well as for our national security and economic prosperity.

Eligibility Requirements

• U.S. Citizen
• Undergraduate student in good academic standing
• Federal Pell Grant recipient
• Participating in a credit-bearing program abroad up to an academic year in length
• In the process of applying for, or accepted to, a credit-bearing study abroad or internship program in a country with an overall Travel Advisory of 1 or 2, according to the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory System

Application Deadlines

FIRST TUESDAY OF MARCH
For overseas programs that start
May 2022-April 2023

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6
For overseas programs that start
December 2022-October 2023

Visit us at GilmanScholarship.org for more information and to apply.
Contact us at gilman@iie.org with your questions.

Benefits of Being a Gilman Scholar

• Noncompetitive eligibility for federal employment
• Networking opportunities with thousands of Gilman Scholars and Alumni via a private platform
• Access to professional development seminars and career-development resources
Gilman Scholar Highlights

Despite obstacles to global mobility, the Gilman Program awarded scholarships to 3,052 American students historically underrepresented in study abroad from 624 U.S. colleges and universities. In 2019-20,

- 69% represented racial or ethnic minority groups
- 57% were first-generation college students
- 50 home states were represented, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other U.S. territories
- 22% were from a rural area of the United States
- 55% studied in locations where fewer Americans study abroad

Students from Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs)

- 22% of Gilman Scholars attended MSIs
- 12% of national study abroad students attended MSIs*
- 28% of the total undergrad population attends MSIs**

*Data from the Open Doors 2019 Report on International Educational Exchange
**Data from ACE, Pulling Back the Curtain: Enrollment and Outcomes at Minority Serving Institutions, 2017

Program Impact

The Gilman Program helps participants develop skills critical to our national security and economic prosperity, preparing them for careers in a globalized world. Gilman Scholars increase their professional and academic skills and serve as citizen ambassadors representing U.S. culture in over 100 countries around the world. Additionally, alumni promote the program and international experiences on their home campuses and in their home communities.

- 95% gained multicultural communication skills*
- 80% gained job-related skills*
- 75% further defined career goals*
- 97% gained greater self-confidence*

*According to participants surveyed

“I've developed a richer perspective of the world I live in after the completion of this community service-learning program. This experience has become an essential part of preparing me to continue to take responsibility as an open-minded and principled member of my global community.” – Gilman Scholar, South Africa