

Amanda Cortes

Gilman Program Alumni Ambassador
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Amanda studied abroad as a Gilman Scholar during the spring of 2019 in Madrid, Spain. As a sociology major, she was interested in studying and observing other cultures, which she was able to do through her program. While studying sociology in Madrid, Amanda observed the different perspectives Spanish students offered in the classroom. She took courses focused on USA/Spanish relations and Spain's history and visited BlackRock's Madrid office to understand how an American multinational investment management corporation operated in a European context. She knew her interest in finance would lead her to finding a global connection.

Amanda's program leader in Madrid liked to joke that nothing was off limits when it came to protesting, and seeing people march in the streets changed her perspective on what social engagement and participation from citizens can look like.

Amanda is currently a wealth management analyst at Morgan Stanley and completed a two-year rotational program in August 2022. In this program she changed roles every eight months, which meant shifting gears and mindset each time. Studying abroad helped her develop the skills to be versatile and flexible in changing environments.

She loves being engaged with the Gilman community and finds it fascinating to see and hear what the Gilman Program has done for others. She looks forward to continuing to be engaged through the Alumni Ambassador Program and meeting more Gilman Scholars and Alumni.

- Earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Georgetown University
- Holds SIE, Series 63, and Series 7 licenses from The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
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