

# Jasmine Whaley

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Jasmine studied abroad as a Gilman Scholar in Jordan in 2012. The Gilman Program helped deepen her interest in international politics. Studying abroad gave her an additional layer of nuance that is crucial for understanding the political dynamics of a country and, by extension, the world. Studying in the Middle East and visiting Jerusalem and Jericho also gave Jasmine an appreciation for just how young the United States is. Now that 10 years have passed since Jasmine studied in Jordan, she can say with certainty that every professional milestone she has reached in the past decade was a direct result of her Gilman experience abroad. From learning about human rights in the West Bank to water policy in Amman, the connections she made, both professionally and personally, have proven to be lifelong.

Studying abroad also gave her a perspective and awareness that one simply cannot grasp having only stayed in the United States. The Gilman Program gave Jasmine the confidence to pursue a Master of Public Policy in Berlin, Germany, and is the reason she has been able to work with transnational think tanks, government administrators, and high-level policymakers. Now, as the Founder and CEO of The Whaley Group, Jasmine helps social entrepreneurs, activists, and organizers turn transformative ideas into effective policy change. She believes our current political system is failing the most vulnerable populations and that the solution is redesigning those systems to center the human experience instead of corporate profit.

- Earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Studies from Elon University
- Earned a Master of Public Policy from the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin
- Founder and CEO of The Whaley Group, a policy solutions consulting firm

