

Nyamal Gatluak

Gilman Program Alumni Ambassador
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“The Gilman Program allowed me to learn more about topics I’m passionate about.”

Nyamal studied abroad as a Gilman Scholar in fall 2021 in South Korea at Korea University. As a double major in entrepreneurship and journalism/mass communication, her coursework abroad surrounded business, media, and language courses. Nyamal has always had a deep interest in film and visual storytelling, but there were not many opportunities to learn about these topics in depth at her home university in Iowa. While at Korea University, Nyamal was able to take courses such as “Apocalyptic Film,” which furthered her interest in film and digital media as a whole.

Nyamal’s Gilman Program experience gave her the confidence to create a nonprofit. At Korea University, she was surrounded by many entrepreneurially minded students who took the initiative to start their own projects. That environment made her want to achieve more and increased her confidence about what was possible.

She recently cofounded BalangNyal Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing women with wellness and clothing products and helping them recognize the opportunities available to them. Her official title for the BalangNyal Foundation is Executive Director. She also interned in 2022 as a Business Transformation Intern at WorldStrides to learn more about the educational travel industry.

- Earned a Bachelor of Arts in Entrepreneurship and Journalism and Mass Communications from Iowa State University
- Interned at WorldStrides in 2022
- Cofounder and Executive Director of BalangNyal Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting women

