

# Ryuu Uchiha

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Ryuu studied abroad as a Gilman Scholar in 2018 in Japan. Studying in Japan allowed Ryuu to explore his Japanese heritage and reexplore career possibilities. He realized that his identity is critical to his career, and his experience in Japan allowed him to reevaluate his desired career path.

Studying in Japan reopened Ryuu’s eyes to international work possibilities. Coming from a family of Mexican, Brazilian, and Japanese heritage has influenced the way Ryuu views international issues, and he believes studying abroad is really important, specifically for multiracial people. A study abroad experience can be healing and help turn a weakness into a powerful strength. While abroad, you can gain new knowledge and perspectives and figure out who you are. The knowledge gained abroad can change your life, your neighborhood, and your family.

Ryuu currently works as a Project Manager for one of the largest electrical contractors in the United States and is also a part-time Senior Corporate Paralegal. He feels he works better in teams and adapts to working culture as a result of his Gilman experience.

- Earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government from the University of Arizona
- Project Manager at Rosendin
- Completed graduate coursework in legal studies at the University of Arizona

