The Gilman Program Alumni Changemaker Grant builds on one of the U.S. Department of State’s Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program’s hallmark features, the follow-on service project, enabling alumni to continue to give back to communities through grant-supported projects. The grants support impactful public service projects that need funding to get them off the ground. Gilman alumni inspire change and positively impact their home communities with skills and knowledge gained during their international experiences. The Alumni Changemaker Grants initiative invests in alumni and their proposed larger projects that create positive change in their communities within the United States. Proposals can be submitted by an individual or a team of Gilman Alumni.

The funding for this initiative comes from the Institute of International Education’s (IIE) Impact and Innovation Fund, established by IIE’s Board of Trustees. The Alumni Changemaker Grants initiative seeks to offer general support to individuals engaging in demonstrated community impact activities throughout the United States. The 2023 program will offer up to six grants of up to $10,000 for Gilman alumni who meet program criteria and embody the goals of the award.

To Qualify:

- All applicants (individual and any team members) must have successfully completed their Gilman Program study abroad experience (In-person or virtual).
- All applicants must have successfully completed their Gilman Program Follow-on Service Project.
- Applicants must submit their online proposal and all supporting documents by August 23rd, 2023 at 11:59 PST.
- The required supporting documents include: 1 Letter of Endorsement and a Budget Plan.
- All applicants must provide an outreach and social media plan, detailing how they would showcase the impact of their grant.
Grant winners will be required to submit a report and video demonstrating the enduring impact of the Gilman Program Changemaker award and project. All winners will be asked to follow ECA and Gilman Program branding guidelines. A final financial report will also be required.

Recipients will be featured in social media activities, virtual events, and may be invited to attend in-person events. Select recipients may be invited to attend a U.S. Department of State, Gilman Program reception on November 17, 2023, in Washington, DC. The Gilman Program would cover the cost of their attendance. Recipients must comply with the terms and conditions of their award which will be included with the notification letter.

Grant Guidelines:
- Activities should take place after December 1st, 2023 and conclude prior to December 1st, 2024. Funding cannot be used for any activities that began before December 1st, 2023 or occur after December 1st, 2024.

- The Gilman Program Alumni Changemaker Grant is not meant to fund ongoing activities of for-profit, non-profit, or academic organizations. However, applicants can involve their organizations or partner with other organizations in the project’s implementation. The proposal should disclose any other partnering organizations that are co-funding and/or providing in-kind support to the project.

- When appropriate, the U.S. Department of State and the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program will amplify project activities through social media platforms. If your proposal is selected for funding, your micro-documentary submission will be the property of the Gilman Scholarship Program for use in promotion of the grant or in other promotional activities. Your project proposal and company name, ideas, and products will remain your own.

- More information about the grant guidelines and application FAQs can be found here

All Gilman Alumni Changemaker proposals must address or advance at least one of the following areas of progress:
- Building Community Through Arts, Sports, and Language
- Protecting the Environment
- Global Health
- Human Rights, Refugees, and Migrants
- Strengthening Democratic Institutions and Fighting Misinformation
- Fostering Gilman Alumni Networks and Development
- Economic Development and Entrepreneurship
- Science, Technology, and Innovation
Strong applications will include details on how their project advances Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA).

Grant winners will be required to submit a report and micro-documentary demonstrating the enduring impact of the Gilman Program Changemaker Grant and project. Information on producing a micro-documentary on a mobile phone will be provided to all recipients. A final financial report will also be required. Recipients will be featured in social media activities, virtual events, and may be invited to attend in-person events. Recipients must comply with the terms and conditions of their award which will be included with the notification letter.

1. Contact Information (You)
   First Name ________________________________________
   Last Name ________________________________________
   Email Address ________________________________________
   Phone Number ________________________________________
   Address 1 ________________________________________
   Address 2 (N/A if applicable) ______________________________
   City ________________________________________
   State/Province ________________________________________
   Zip/Postal Code ________________________________________

15. Gilman Program information
   Gilman Program year ________________________________________
   Gilman Program location ________________________________________
   Home state ________________________________________
   Home university where you received your Gilman
   ________________________________________
   State of the university where you received your Gilman
   ________________________________________
   College graduation year (If not applicable, type N/A)
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4. How many members are in your grant team?
   ❑ 1 (just you)
   ❑ 2
   ❑ 3
   ❑ 4

4. Contact Information (Teammate 1)
   First Name ________________________________________
   Last Name ________________________________________
   Email Address ________________________________________
   Phone Number ________________________________________
Address 1 ________________________________________
Address 2 ________________________________________
City ________________________________________
State/Province ________________________________________
Zip/Postal Code ________________________________________

16. Gilman Program information (Teammate 1)
   Gilman Program year ________________________________________
   Gilman Program location ________________________________________
   Home state ________________________________________
   Home university where you received your Gilman Program
   ________________________________________
   State of the university where you received your Gilman Program
   ________________________________________
   College graduation year (If not applicable, type N/A)
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5. Contact Information (Teammate 2)
   First Name ________________________________________
   Last Name ________________________________________
   Email Address ________________________________________
   Phone Number ________________________________________
   Address 1 ________________________________________
   Address 2 ________________________________________
   City ________________________________________
   State/Province ________________________________________
   Zip/Postal Code ________________________________________

17. Gilman Program information (Teammate 2)
   Gilman Program year ________________________________________
   Gilman Program location ________________________________________
   Home state ________________________________________
   Home university where you received your Gilman Program
   ________________________________________
   State of the university where you received your Gilman Program
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   College graduation year (If not applicable, type N/A)
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6. Contact Information (Teammate 3)
First Name ________________________________________
Last Name ________________________________________
Email Address ________________________________________
Phone Number ________________________________________
Address 1 ________________________________________
Address 2 ________________________________________
City ________________________________________
State/Province ________________________________________
Zip/Postal Code ________________________________________

18. Gilman Program information (Teammate 3)
   Gilman Program year ________________________________________
   Gilman Program location ________________________________________
   Home state ________________________________________
   Home university where you received your Gilman
   _____________________________________________
   State of the university where you received your Gilman
   _____________________________________________
   College graduation year (If not applicable, type N/A)
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Eligibility

2. Have you (and your teammates, if applicable) successfully completed your Gilman
   Program study abroad experience?
   ○ Yes
   ○ No

Grant Proposal

Grant Proposal Tips:

- **Once you have started your application, the application must be submitted during the same session.** Feel free to type out your responses to the proposal questions in a separate document and then paste your final submission into the application text boxes.
- Make sure to double-check your spelling and grammar before submitting your application. **There is no way to save session progress so if you do not submit your application during the same session, your work will be lost.** You also cannot go back to edit application contents once submitted.
• Think about how your project narrative and budget work together. Keeping these aligned will demonstrate that you truly understand your project and have a well thought out budget that matches the work you plan to achieve.
• Ask yourself, does my project proposal promote sustainable, long-term impact? Will the outcomes of my project continue to positively impact communities after the grant period ends? Does my proposal outline the future success of the project? Does my proposal address one of the Gilman Program progress areas?

8. The Gilman Program Alumni Changemaker Grant seeks to empower public service projects for Gilman Alumni to create positive change in their communities within the U.S. Please provide an executive summary of your project proposal and how it achieves community impact while addressing or advancing one of the Gilman Program areas of progress. (2000 character max.)

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9. The Gilman Program Alumni Changemaker Grant builds on one of the U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program's hallmark features, the follow-on service project, supporting impactful public service projects that need funding to get them off the ground. Please provide your project's background and purpose, focusing on how your proposal addresses the Gilman Program's areas of progress and creates sustainable, long-term impact into the future. (4500 character max.)

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10. Please submit a detailed implementation plan of your project proposal, including an approximate timeline.

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21. If you were to receive the grant, what is your plan for outreach and social media engagement throughout the grant period? (December 1, 2023-December 1, 2024) Please provide examples of how you will visibly demonstrate the impact of this grant through social media. (2000 character max.)

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19. Your proposal submission for the Gilman Program Changemaker Grant will not be considered complete unless you also send your budget plan and 1 letter of endorsement to GilmanChangemaker@iie.org before the August 23rd deadline. Budget plan link here. Please include your name and "Document Submission - Gilman Program Changemaker Grant" in the email subject line.

I have read and acknowledged the statement above that my proposal submission for the Gilman Program Changemaker Grant will not be considered complete unless I also send my budget plan and 1 letter of endorsement to GilmanChangemaker@iie.org before the August 23rd deadline.