“Studying abroad thousands of miles away from home gives everyone the opportunity to identify what they truly value. I gained a clearer understanding of what I value and what I enjoy by not surrounding myself with familiar external expectations back home.”

Daniel studied abroad as a Gilman scholar during the summer of 2021 at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea. His time in South Korea helped him gain a clearer vision of himself and what he valued. He also learned there is no “right way” to study abroad and that a person can choose to live the life they want to live when they study abroad. Additionally, Daniel became very motivated to continue improving his Korean language fluency.

After graduation, Daniel worked as a business operations analyst in North Carolina and then returned to South Korea for two months. In June 2022, he participated in the Gilman Program’s Climate Leaders Overseas Seminar in Copenhagen, Denmark, which focused on new approaches to sustainability from a Danish perspective and engagement with stakeholders shaping current and future solutions to the climate change challenge.

Daniel credits his Gilman Program experience for instilling a desire to work internationally. Daniel currently works as a data analytics consultant at Ernst & Young. He is excited to be a Gilman Alumni Ambassador and guide future Gilman scholars to not only complete their short-term goals to study abroad but also provide the tools, information, and encouragement they need to succeed professionally long term.