

# Geraldine Uribe

Gilman Program Alumni Ambassador  
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***“The Gilman Program allowed me to intern at an NGO in London. This impacted my passion and interests a lot as I personally am a big activist and strive to help others. Before interning abroad, I was still unsure what I wanted to do as a career. Interning at this NGO allowed me to work with very passionate and big-hearted people. It was very inspiring and made me realize that public service is where I belong.”***

Geraldine studied and interned abroad as a Gilman scholar during the summer of 2022 through the University of Connecticut Experiential Global Learning Program in London, United Kingdom. Her time in the UK taught her to take advantage of every opportunity and do things even if she had to do them alone. She also learned the value of talking to locals as they were the ones who knew the best spots to eat, visit, and see. Additionally, her interactions with the locals helped her feel more connected to the country and developed her self-understanding. She also realized the importance of gaining mutual understanding and how travel can help a person learn about people, cultures, and themselves.

Geraldine was an intern for the Programmes and Institutional Fundraising Team at Hand in Hand International, which is a nonprofit organization in London that fights poverty through job and business creation. This internship influenced her decision to go into public service and help bridge communities to resources and knowledge to help with whatever they need. She believes public service is filled with passionate people trying to create a better world and her internship experience and the Gilman Program are examples of this.

Geraldine credits her Gilman Program experience for helping her become more open minded. She learned to be open to trying new things, including food, drinks, activities. She also learned to be open to conversations with locals, as they wanted to learn about her background.

Geraldine recently completed a month-long backpacking trip in Europe and started working as a special assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development for the city of Stamford, Connecticut. In this role, she establishes sustainable relationships with small and large businesses within Stamford and creates initiatives to engage more job opportunities for Stamford residents for Stamford businesses. Geraldine is excited to be a Gilman Alumni Ambassador and to continue to encourage all students interested in applying to the Gilman Program. She is especially interested in speaking with first-generation college students and helping them break first-generation abroad stigmas.

- Hometown: Stamford, Connecticut
- Earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science with a minor in urban community studies from the University of Connecticut (2023)
- Special assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development for the city of Stamford, Connecticut
- Was a resident assistant for two years at the University of Connecticut

