

# Anniesa Owens

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*“Studying abroad taught me that meeting new people and experiencing different cultures helps you see things from a new perspective. Being open to new ideas and ways of living makes you understand the world better and fosters empathy and tolerance.”*

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Anniesa’s academic journey has been shaped by a strong desire to explore the world and embrace new cultures, which led her to study abroad in Dublin, Ireland, at Dublin Business School, and London, United Kingdom, at Foundation for International Education (FIE) London. As a senior at Drexel University, majoring in graphic design, Anniesa says her study abroad experience helped hone her creative skills. Her international experiences have complemented her academic pursuits, which have broadened her worldview and enhanced her ability to think critically and creatively. During these experiences, she gained invaluable insights into global perspectives.

She credits the Gilman Scholarship with providing the support she needed to achieve her dreams of going abroad, and she is eager to give back to the program that has had such a profound impact on her life. Anniesa is particularly passionate about introducing students to the resources and opportunities that can alleviate financial burdens. Her own experiences as a Gilman scholar have inspired her to help others realize that their dreams of studying abroad are within reach.

Her time abroad was transformative in many ways. Being exposed to diverse cultures and global issues inspired her to pursue a master’s in international affairs and theology after she graduates. This reflects her desire to connect more deeply with the world and use her education to tackle important challenges. She is excited to take on the role of Gilman Alumni Ambassador, where she will have the opportunity to share the values and perspectives of the Gilman Program with future scholars. She looks forward to guiding students through the application process, offering insights from her own experiences, and helping them apply the skills they gained while studying abroad to various career paths.

