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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ANNOUNCES 1,600 GILMAN SCHOLARS, EXPANDING ACCESS TO STUDY ABROAD FOR AMERICAN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

December 9, 2024 — The U.S. Department of State announced today that it has awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to approximately 1,600 American undergraduate students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, in the fall 2024 cycle. A second application cycle will be launched in mid January 2025. All scholarship recipients are U.S. undergraduate students with established high financial need as federal Pell Grant recipients. On average, 65 percent of Gilman recipients are from rural areas and small towns across the United States, and half are first-generation college or university students.

This cohort of Gilman scholars, who will study or intern in over 90 countries, represents more than 500 U.S. colleges and universities. The cohort includes 51 recipients of the Critical Need Language Award and 40 recipients of the STEM Supplemental Award. The Critical Need Language Award supports Gilman scholars studying and mastering foreign languages that are critical to U.S. national security and economic prosperity. The STEM Supplemental Award assists Gilman scholars to conduct STEM-related research abroad as part of their overseas program. Additionally, there are 49 recipients of the John McCain International Scholarship for Military Families (Gilman-McCain Scholarship), awarded to child and spousal dependents of U.S. military personnel who are active or activated during the application period.

The governments of Germany, through the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), New Zealand, and Wales, as well as the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) in Portugal and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO), provided additional scholarships to Gilman scholars to study in these locations.

Since the program's inception in 2001, more than 44,000 Gilman scholars have studied or interned in more than 170 countries around the globe. Supported by the U.S. Congress, the Gilman Scholarship is an initiative of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and is aided in its implementation by the Institute of International Education. To learn more about the Gilman Scholarship and its recipients, including this newest cohort, visit gilmanscholarship.org.