Scholarships to Study & Intern Abroad
Program Overview, Eligibility, Application
U.S. Department of State

Promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, and they do so by facilitating opportunities of academic, professional, athletic, and other cultural exchange.

studyabroad.state.gov
exchanges.state.gov
Gilman Program’s 2020-2021 Impact

58% were first-generation college students
69% represented racial or ethnic minority groups

*GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP SURVEY

Since Inception

34,000+ U.S. undergraduates of high financial need
150+ countries
1,350+ U.S. institutions represented
Scholarships up to $5,000

- Fall
- Spring
- Summer
- Winter
- Academic Year
Critical Need Language Award

Up to an additional $3,000 + access to proficiency testing

- Arabic
- Azerbaijani
- Bahasa Indonesian
- Bangla
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Hebrew*
- Hindi
- Japanese
- Korean
- Persian
- Portuguese
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Swahili
- Turkish
- Urdu

Studying any of these languages in sign language is also eligible for CNLA

Requires an additional essay to be considered
Gilman Alumni Benefits

• Non-Competitive Eligibility (NCE)
• Gilman Scholar Network
• Alumni Ambassador Program
• Seminars & Career Workshops
• Networking Opportunities
• Skill Development
Eligibility
Gilman Eligibility

• U.S. citizen
• Undergraduate student
• Federal Pell Grant recipient
• Credit-bearing program
• In a country or area with an overall Travel Advisory Level 1 or 2, or approved Level 3 exception location
• No minimum length requirement!

Virtual international programs, virtual internships, & hybrid programs are eligible!
Gilman Eligibility

Submitting Applications
• Will review programs in locations that are level 3-4 only due to COVID-19

If they become a recipient...
• Location must be level 1-2, or level 3 approved exception before program start date

Travel Advisory Levels

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<td>Reconsider travel</td>
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Eligible
Virtual Program Eligibility

• Online courses based outside U.S.
• Institution, exchange, or provider
• Faculty-led programs
• International internships
• Intensive language programs outside U.S.
• Open to proposals
• Eligible until April 30, 2023
Gilman-McCain Scholarship Eligibility

$5,000 for child dependents of active-duty service members

- U.S. citizen
- Undergraduate student
- Credit-bearing program
- In a Travel Advisory level 1 or 2 country, or level 3 approved exception
- No minimum length requirement!
- Recipient of any type of Title IV federal financial aid
- Dependent child of an active-duty military member (Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, and Activated Reserves)
2 Steps

1. **Student Application**
   - Abroad Program Info
   - Essays
   - Unofficial Transcript(s)
   - Select Advisors

2. **Advisor Certifications**
   - Study Abroad Advisor
   - Financial Aid Advisor
Essay #1
Required
Max. 7000 characters

Statement of Purpose

Personal Interview
You + Program + Goals
(academic, professional, personal)
Meeting Challenges
5 Questions to Ask Yourself

1. Do you make a connection between your program and goals?

2. Do you make a connection between your country and goals?

3. Do you share how you will be academically successful on your program?

4. Do you give examples of your experiences, skills, and knowledge that you will use to meet program challenges?

5. Do you address how this abroad experience will impact your future?
| What it means to be a U.S. citizen while abroad | How you will seek opportunities to be culturally engaged | Seeking opportunities to have meaningful interactions |

**Community Impact:** Building Mutual Understanding Essay

Essay #2
Required
Max. 3000 characters
3 Questions to Ask Yourself

Building Mutual Understanding Essay

1. Do you articulate how you will represent the U.S. as a citizen diplomat while abroad?

2. Do you explain how you will contribute to the goal of building mutual understanding?

3. Do you discuss how you will look for opportunities to build meaningful relationships and become more culturally engaged?
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<td>How will you give back by inspiring others to study abroad?</td>
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<td>On campus or in home community</td>
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<td>Design plan of action (audience, tools, timeline)</td>
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Essay #3
Required
Max. 3000 characters

*How will you give back by inspiring others to study abroad?*
5 Questions to Ask Yourself

Follow-On Service Project Proposal

1. Does your FOSP **increase awareness** of the Gilman Scholarship and study abroad?

2. Is your project **feasible**?

3. Do you give a **detailed plan** for your project?

4. Do you incorporate your **study abroad experience** into your project?

5. Do you have an **intended audience**? Who will you collaborate with to reach this **community**?
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<th>Is it a critical need language?</th>
<th>Is it predominantly spoken in the country you’re going to?</th>
<th>How does it relate to your academic or career goals?</th>
<th>Motivations for improving language proficiency (academic, professional, personal)</th>
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Critical Need Language Award Essay
Selection Criteria

- Impact of Program & Destination on Student’s Academic & Career Directory
- Community Impact Abroad & Upon Student’s Return Home
- Academic Preparedness
- Diversity of Background & Experience
- Commitment to Proficiency in a Critical Need Language
Deadlines and Timelines
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**March 2022 Deadline**
Abroad Program Starts
May 2022 – April 2023

- Application Opens: Mid-January
- Applicant Deadline: March 1, 2022 11:59pm PT
- Advisor Deadline: March 8, 2022

**October 2022 Deadline**
Abroad Program Starts
Dec 2022 – Oct 2023

- Application Opens: Mid-August
- Applicant Deadline: October 4, 2022 11:59pm PT
- Advisor Deadline: October 11, 2022
Application Tips
Gilman Scholars’ Tips for Applicants

Create a compelling story that ties your past, present, and future to highlight the impact the scholarship will have on you.

Start the application early, be your truest self, and have confidence that you are worthy.
Gilman Scholars’ Tips for Applicants

For your Follow-on Service Project, think about your community and local schools. Think of how you heard about Gilman and how you could tell others about it!

If you don’t apply, you’ll never get it!
Resources for International Exchange

Other U.S. Government Resources:
- Critical Language Scholarship Program
- Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- Boren Scholarships and Fellowships

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Flyers

- Gilman One-Pager
- Gilman-McCain One-Pager
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