

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.

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USA Study Abroad



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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



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Scholarships up to \$5,000

- Fall
- Spring
- Summer
- Winter
- Academic Year



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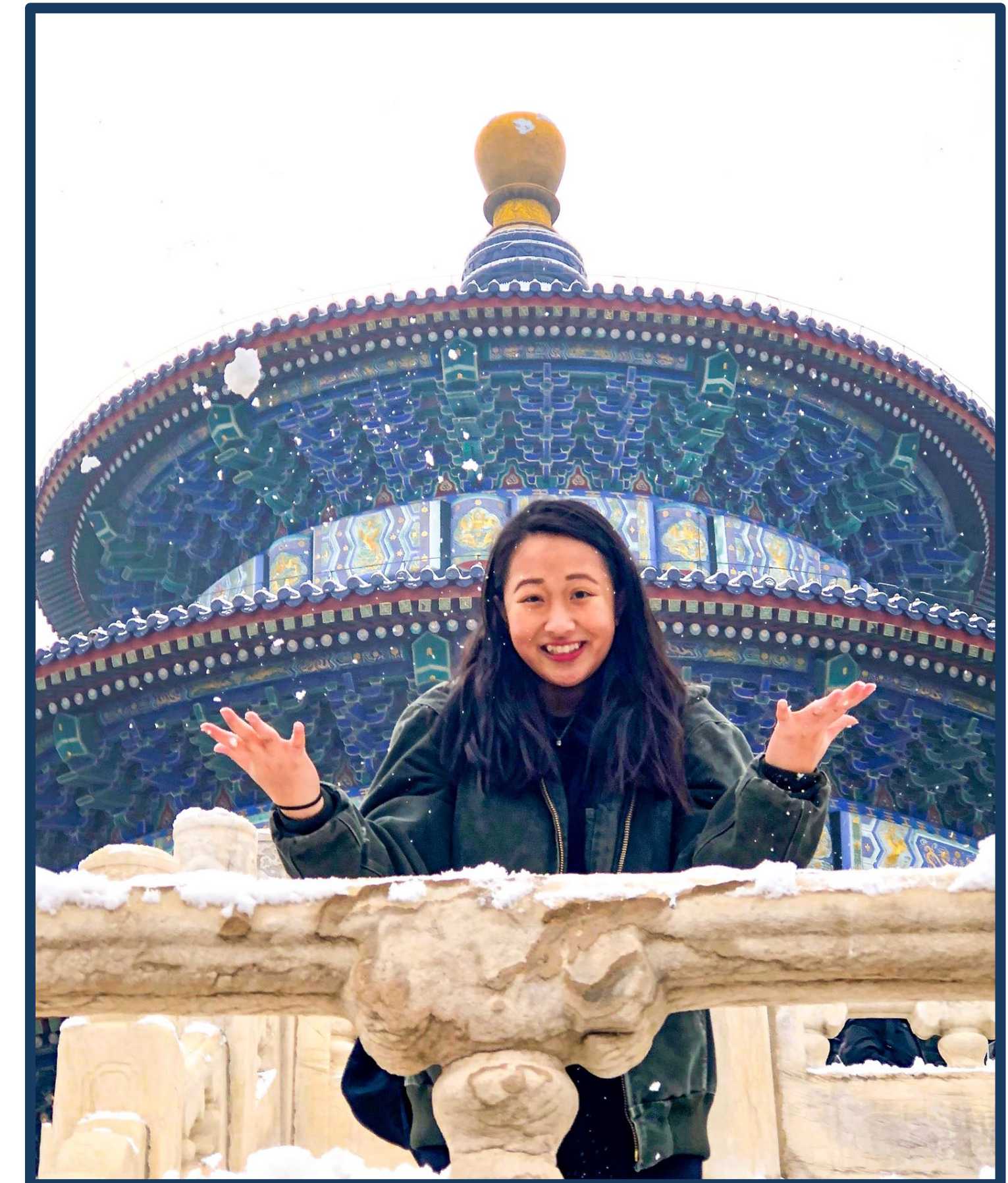
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Critical Need Language Award

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



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Gilman Alumni Benefits

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



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Eligibility



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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

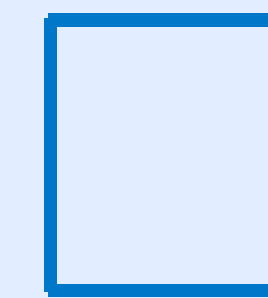
- Will review programs in locations that are level 3-4 only due to COVID-19

If they become a recipient...

- Location must be level 1-2, or level 3 approved exception before program start date

Travel Advisory Levels

Eligible



- 1** Exercise normal precautions
- 2** Exercise increased caution
- 3** Reconsider travel
- 4** Do not travel



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



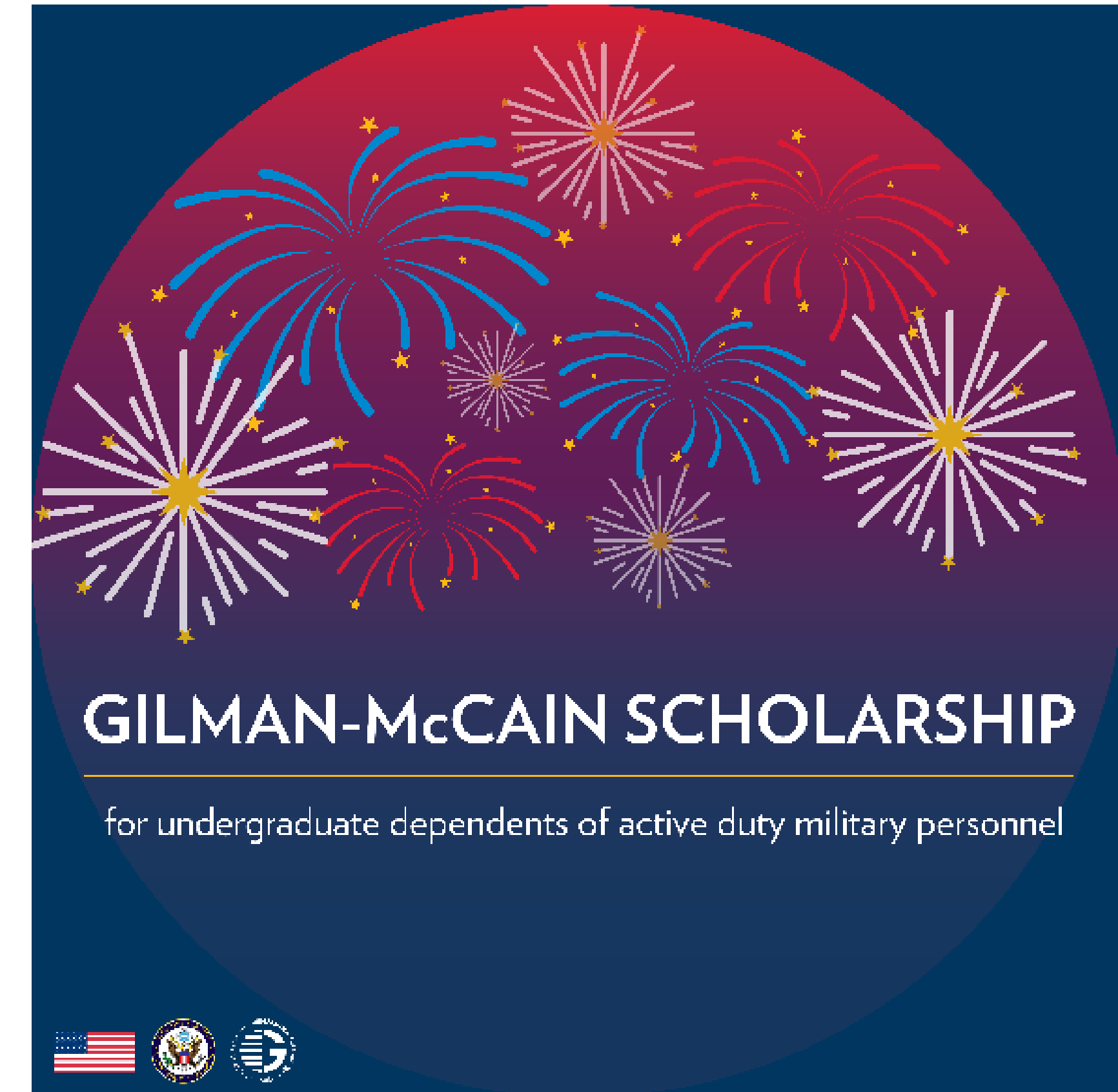
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Gilman-McCain Scholarship Eligibility

\$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)**



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Application



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2 Steps

1

Student Application

- Abroad Program Info
- Essays
- Unofficial Transcript(s)
- Select Advisors

2

Advisor Certifications

- Study Abroad Advisor
- Financial Aid Advisor



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Essay #1

Required

Max. 7000 characters

Statement of Purpose

Personal Interview

You + Program + Goals
(academic, professional, personal)

Meeting Challenges



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5 Questions to Ask Yourself

Statement of Purpose Essay

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?



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Essay #2

Required

Max. 3000 characters

**Community Impact:
Building Mutual Understanding Essay**

**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**



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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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Essay #3

Required

Max. 3000 characters

Community Impact: Follow-on Service Project Proposal

**Being an effective
citizen diplomat
while abroad**

**How will you give
back by inspiring
others to study
abroad?**

**On campus or in
home community**

Design plan of action
(audience, tools, timeline)



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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 you project?
5. Do you have an **intended audience**? Who will you collaborate with to reach this **community**?



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Essay #4

Optional

Max. 2000 characters

Critical Need Language Award Essay

Is it a critical need language?

Is it predominantly spoken in the country you're going to?

How does it relate to your academic or career goals?

Motivations for improving language proficiency
(academic, professional, personal)



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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



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Deadlines and Timelines



Deadlines & Timelines

Application Opens

Applicant Deadline

Advisor Deadline

**March 2022
Deadline**

Abroad Program Starts
May 2022 – April 2023

Mid-January

**March 1, 2022
11:59pm PT**

March 8, 2022

**October 2022
Deadline**

Abroad Program Starts
Dec 2022 – Oct 2023

Mid-August

**October 4, 2022
11:59pm PT**

October 11, 2022



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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.



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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!



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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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