

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

Purpose	Sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to promote study abroad for students with financial need, who study abroad with less frequency than their peers. Started in 2001 to help students prepare to succeed in <i>an increasingly global economy and interdependent world</i> .
Award	
<i>Tenable</i>	Use with existing programs and exchanges. Any destination abroad, excluding those with Department of State Travel Warnings. Must spend at least four weeks in one country.
<i>Number & Amount</i>	Over 1200 in the 2009 academic year. Up to \$5000 (based on need and program cost). An additional \$3000 is also available through the <i>Critical Need Language Supplement</i> (50 awards for language study vital to national security).
<i>Duration</i>	Apply to semester or academic year programs only. No summer option exists.
Eligibility	
<i>Who</i>	US citizen or US national. Any major. Must have a Pell Grant at the time of application.
<i>When</i>	Any undergraduate year. Coordinate with plans for study abroad.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Good academic record. Strong essays. Appealing proposal for service project. Gilman also seeks diversity of academic major, destination and demography (both racial and geographic). Study outside of Western Europe/Australia is encouraged. Ideal applicants also lack prior study abroad experience.
Campus Deadline	Financial Aid <i>and</i> Office of International Programs each must submit forms with your application. Give them some wiggle room.
Deadline	Fall term or academic year applicants apply in March or April. Spring term applicants apply in September or October.
Application	Application form. Two essays: Statement of Purpose / Plan for Service Project. Financial aid form (by FA advisor). Study abroad form (by SA advisor). Transcripts (three copies). Completed online except for transcripts.
Contact	Contact the Office of International Programs at 304 Fairchild or (785) 532-5990 to discuss your study abroad plans and interest in the Gilman. Jim Hohenbary can also help students with Gilman essays: 112 Eisenhower or (785) 532-6904.
Other	Upon completing the Gilman, students are expected to perform a service project, for the community or campus, that promotes the Gilman and/or study abroad. More than twenty students from Kansas State have won Gilmans. More information is available at www.iie.org/gilman .