

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 or Cuba.
<i>Number & Amount</i>	Funding over 3000 in an 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> (60 awards for language study in areas vital to national security). Up to 100 awards for any form of Title IV Financial Aid for children of veterans.
<i>Duration</i>	Apply to summer, semester or academic year programs. There is no minimum length for a study abroad experience.
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 ethnic 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 supplemental forms after you submit your Gilman application. They have a slightly later deadline.
Deadline	Summer, Fall Term, or Academic Year applicants apply in March. Spring Term or Summer Early Consideration applicants apply in October.
Application	Apply online. Application form. Two essays: Statement of Purpose / Follow-On Service Project Proposal. Financial aid form (by FA advisor). Study abroad form (by SA advisor). Uploaded 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. Beth Powers can also help students with Gilman essays: 207 Leadership Studies or (785) 532-3422.
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. The Gilman International Scholarship Program has partnered with a variety of countries to provide additional experiences through their programs like the Gilman-Israel, Gilman-FLAD Portugal, Gilman-France, Gilman-Education New Zealand, and the Gilman-Global Wales scholarships. More info available at www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program .

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