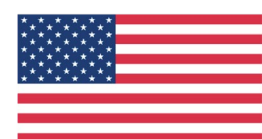


# Scholarships to Study & Intern Abroad

Program Overview, Eligibility, Application



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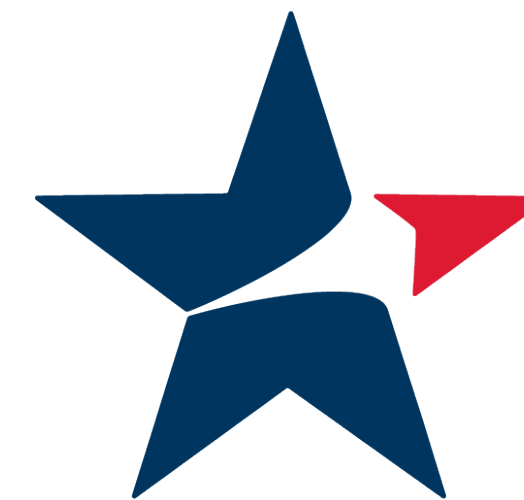
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Promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, and they do so by facilitating opportunities of academic, professional, athletic, and other cultural exchange.

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# Gilman Program's 2020-2021 Impact

**58%** were first-generation college students

**70%** represented racial or ethnic minority groups

**70%** came from rural/small towns

\*GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP SURVEY

## Since Inception

**36,000+** U.S. undergraduates of high financial need

**160** countries

**1,300+** U.S. institutions represented



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# Scholarships up to \$5,000

- Fall
- Spring
- Summer
- Winter
- Academic Year



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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 or national
- 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!



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# Gilman Eligibility

Recipients may be permitted to travel abroad as a Gilman Scholar if their program's country/area(s) meet the following criteria:

1. Travel Advisory Levels 1 or 2, according to the [U.S. Department of State's Travel Advisory System](#), or
2. On the list of [approved Travel Advisory Level 3 countries/areas](#)



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# Gilman-McCain Scholarship Eligibility

\$5,000 for child or spousal 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 or spouse) of active or activated United States military personnel during the time of application (including Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy, Navy Reserve, Space Force, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and USPHS Commissioned Corps)



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



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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



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# Deadlines & Timelines

Application Opens

Applicant Deadline

Advisor Deadline

**March 2023  
Deadline**

Abroad Program Starts  
May 2023 – April 2024

**Mid-January**

**March 9, 2023,  
11:59pm PT**

**March 16, 2023**

**October 2023  
Deadline**

Abroad Program Starts  
Dec 2023 – Oct 2024

**Mid-August**

**October 3, 2023  
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**October 10, 2023**



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# Application Tips



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# 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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Email me to book an appointment to talk about your essay development for your Gilman application!



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