



Benjamin A. Gilman
International Scholarship

Scholarships to Study and Intern Abroad

Program Overview

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and supported in its implementation by the Institute of International Education (IIE)





Gilman Program's Impact

- **47%** were first-generation college students
- **65%** represented racial or ethnic minority groups
- **30,000+** U.S. undergraduates of high financial need
- **150+** countries
- **1,300+** U.S. institutions represented



3,000+ Scholarships



Scholarships up to \$5,000

- Spring
- Summer
- Fall
- Academic Year



Critical Need Language Award

Up to an additional \$3,000, plus access to proficiency testing

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



An additional essay is required to be considered for this award



Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- Undergraduate student
- Federal Pell Grant recipient
- Credit-bearing program
- Program minimum length of 3 weeks (21 days)
- In a country with an overall Travel Advisory level 1 or 2





How to Apply

1

Online Application

Study Abroad Program
Essays
Transcript(s)
Advisors

2

Advisor Certifications

Study Abroad Advisor
Financial Aid Advisor



Essay #1

Statement of Purpose



Personal Interview



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











Meeting Challenges





Essay #2

Community Impact Essay

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|  | Being an effective citizen diplomat while abroad |  |
|  | How will you give back by inspiring others to study abroad? |  |
|  | On campus or in community? |  |
|  | Design plan of action (audience, tools, timeline) |  |



Essay #3 Critical Need Language Award

Optional



Is it a critical need language?



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



How does your study of the language relate to your academic or career goals?



Motivations for improving language proficiency academically, professionally, and personally





Selection Criteria

Academic Preparedness & Impact on
Student's Academic & Career Trajectory

Diversity of Background & Experience

Choice of Program & Destination

Community Impact

Commitment to Proficiency
in a Critical Need Language



*11:59pm Central Time

Check Gilman website for
future dates and deadlines.

Timelines & Deadlines

Application Opens

Applicant Deadline

Advisor Deadline

Cycle 1

Abroad Program Starts
Dec. 2019-Oct. 2020

Mid-August

1st Tuesday
in October*

2nd Tuesday
in October*

Cycle 2

Abroad Program Starts
May 2020-April 2021

Mid-January

1st Tuesday
in March*

2nd Tuesday
in March*



What makes a strong application?

- Plan Ahead!
- Talk to your Study Abroad Advisor & Student Financial Affairs
- Research Program Options (*+ select one that meets Gilman eligibility criteria*)
- Invest time in your essays and have them proofread
- Answer all portions of the essay prompts!
- Check your application for accuracy



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