

<u>West Virginia Gilman Advisor Workshop</u> <u>Video Transcript – Various Advisors</u>

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Hosted at campuses nationwide, the Gilman scholarship underrepresented students workshop is a one day event for faculty staff and administrators designed to provide attendees with tools to help increase the number of underrepresented students who study abroad.

Promoting Study Abroad and the Gilman Scholarship

Michael Ross – Fairmont State University

Well, I think really with the application process and the follow up project, so far that information has been very useful for me. Knowing about that project and being able to tell a student as early as their freshmen year be thinking about what you want to do, make it really dynamic, because it is going to be a scholarship that it seems like is only going to become more competitive.

Rita Haider – Shawnee State University

Something that I hear all of the time is that I can't afford to study abroad. So, just encouraging them to apply for the Gilman scholarship.

Ray Plaza – Virginia Tech University

There is money available out there and I think it is about preparation and how do we insure that our students can be competitive for this process. That is one of the things that I have really taken from today's experience is that how do we better prepare out students to be competitive.

The Process and Advising Tips

Seth Riker – University of Kentucky

It is going to be great for myself and my other colleagues that were here today to go back and share this information about how you guys select as far as primary and secondary. I really look forward to hopefully have someone from our institution be on the panel. We are definitely going to jump on the ball with that.

Rita Haider

Another thing I learned, or never thought of before, is to have a selection committee that can work with the students. We do that for the Fulbright applicants, why not do it for the Gilman.

Ray Plaza

In terms of with advisors my recommendation would be to seek big and encourage your students to seek these opportunities.

Seth Riker

Well, I am really excited about the follow up projects for Gilman because students don't have to just run a financial aid workshop, or something like that, or pass out scholarship flyers at the education abroad fair, there is a lot more interactive things that they can do and there is a lot more widespread audiences that they can reach out to.

Collaboration and Networking

Nancy Ellison – Concord University

We don't have many opportunities to talk with our advisors and to talk with our colleagues about what is going on as far as internationalization in our campuses. A meeting like this gives us an opportunity to network, to see what other folks are doing, and to come up with ideas of our own that we can go back and use one our campuses.

Michael Ross

I think the chance that we have to work together, and to talk things through, we can take those ideas back. That is definitely, for a veteran or for a new person in Gilman, I think it is beneficial.