



Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program:

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program is a congressionally funded program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education through its office in Houston, Texas.

Gilman Scholarship Program Overview:

Named after retired congressman Benjamin A. Gilman from New York, the program's goal is to diversify the kinds of students who study and intern abroad and the countries and regions where they go. Specifically, the Gilman Program offers scholarships for students of high financial need who have been traditionally underrepresented in education abroad, including students from diverse ethnic backgrounds; first-generation college students; students attending community colleges; students with disabilities; and students in fields of study underrepresented in study abroad, such as science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The Program encourages students to consider programs in non-traditional study abroad destinations.

Eligibility:

All U.S. citizen undergraduates, in good academic standing, who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply for and receive a Gilman Scholarship: Students must be receiving the Federal Pell Grant, either at the time of application or during term abroad. Students also must be applying to or have been accepted into a study abroad program or internship eligible for credit by the student's accredited institution of higher education in the United States. They must be studying or interning abroad for at least four weeks (28 days) in one country - or two weeks (14 days) for current community college students - and no more than one academic year. Students must be studying or interning abroad in any country except Cuba or a country on the U.S. Department of State's current [Travel Warning list](#). Students applying to programs in Mexico may only apply for scholarships to support study in Mexican states where no advisory is in effect according to the U.S. Department of State [Travel Warning list](#).

Award Overview:

Gilman Scholarship recipients receive up to \$5000 to be used to defray eligible costs of their chosen study abroad or internship programs including tuition, fees, books and airfare. Students studying one of these critical languages in a country in which it is predominately spoken, will be eligible to receive a Critical Need Language Award of \$8,000.

Arabic (*all dialects*)
Chinese (*all dialects*)
Bahasa Indonesia
Japanese
Turkic (*Specific dialects*)

*Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
Administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE)*

Persian (*Specific dialects*)

Indic (*Specific dialects*)

Korean

Russian

Swahili

Application Timeline & Overview:

The Gilman Program accepts applications for students participating in programs abroad during the spring, summer, fall and academic year terms. The deadline for spring and early summer applications is generally the first Tuesday in October. The deadline for summer, fall and academic year applications is generally the first Tuesday in March.

The Gilman Scholarship application is online and requires your program information and two essays: the Statement of Purpose and Follow-on Service Project.

Please check the Gilman website for detailed information on the application components and the full timeline of the application process.

Know Before You Go:

The Gilman Program encourages you to plan ahead and start today. Check out resources on Gilman website, including videos and frequently asked questions. Talk to your study abroad and financial aid advisors and let them know you're applying for a Gilman Scholarship. Begin your essays early and have them proofread. In order for an application to be competitive, it should be organized and thought out. Stay updated by subscribing to Gilman applicant newsletters and connecting on social media. Finally, check out other resources to study or intern abroad: www.studyabroadfunding.org.

Contact Information:

Please feel free to contact the Gilman representative assigned to your last name, either by email or phone, with any further questions.