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INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

• 2800+ scholarships available annually
  • Scholarships of up to $5,000 for an academic year of study, semester, or summer (minimum 3 weeks)
  • An additional $3,000 may be awarded to individuals studying a critical need language
    • Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, or Urdu

• Goal of diversifying study abroad
  • High financial need, Ethnicity, First-generation, Disabilities, Community colleges & minority-serving institutions, Underrepresented fields of study - STEM
Can use scholarship funds to pay for virtual programs that take place between now and December 31, 2021:
- Online courses at an institution based outside of the United States;
- Via direct enrollment or a program provider;
- Virtual faculty-led study abroad programs;
- Virtual international internships;
- Virtual intensive language programs at an institution based outside of the United States; and/or
- Students may also propose internationally-focused virtual programs for review by Gilman Program staff.
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• Eligibility
  • U.S. Citizen
  • Undergraduate student
  • Federal Pell Grant recipient
  • Receiving academic credit
  • Open to any country not under a travel warning issued by the Department of State
  • Minimum three weeks in one country
GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP: APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

• Student Online Application:
  • Home Institution & Program Details
  • Statement of Purpose Essay
  • Follow-on Service Project Proposal
  • Advisor Certifications
    • Certifications must be requested **at least 2 weeks** before the national deadline!
  • Study Abroad Advisor
    **Study Abroad Office**, VDA 130, **studyabroad@lmu.edu**
  • Financial Aid Advisor
    **Financial Aid Office**, VDA 270, **finaid@lmu.edu**
GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP:
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE ESSAY #1

• Your chance to personalize your application and explain who you are, why you are studying abroad, your academic and professional goals and how the Gilman Scholarship can help you accomplish them
  • What inspired you to study abroad?
  • What challenges have you faced, such as family conflict, work obligations, health or disabilities?
• What makes you unique? All students are unique in one way or another – but it’s up to YOU to point out what sets you apart, what your passions are, and why this study abroad program fits you academically, professionally, and personally.
GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP:
FOLLOW-ON SERVICE PROJECT ESSAY #2

• Map out a potential project to complete upon return to the U.S. that will encourage others to study or intern abroad and spread awareness of the Gilman Scholarship

• The project can be completed on their home campus or in their local community, and it must be completed within 6 months of their return to the U.S.

• **Key aspects to this essay are the creativity and feasibility**

• Use activities & organizations you are already involved in as inspiration (student clubs, academic departments) and can therefore begin discussion of your project with key contacts, **even prior to being awarded the scholarship**

• Consider your audience, tools and timeline when proposing a project
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Service Project Example: https://youtu.be/gD4c4ewhKDA

Courtesy of Asa Allegra-Berger, Class of 2020
2018 Gilman Alumni
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ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES OF FOLLOW-ON SERVICE PROJECTS

• Khalid, Harper College, wrote an article for his community college’s “Going Global” newsletter about the Gilman Scholarship and his study abroad experience and also presented to foreign language classes.

• Amanda, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, gave presentations to transfer students about how to incorporate a semester abroad and the Gilman Scholarship into their academic plan.

• Zoe, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, partnered with the study abroad office to work with sending athletes abroad.

• Lisa, Durham Technical Community College, created a scrapbook and posters about her experiences in Jamaica to promote her presentation on study abroad and the Gilman Scholarship.
If not selected during Cycle I, you may reapply during Cycle II

GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

- **Cycle 1** - Due October 6, 2020
  - Programs that start between December 2020 and October 2021, Winter 2021, Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Fall 2021, and Academic Year 2021-2022 programs

- **Cycle 2** - Extended to March 9, 2021!
  - Programs that start between May 2021 and April 2022 Summer 2021, Fall 2021, Academic Year 2021-2022, Winter 2022, and Spring 2022 programs