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Scholarships to Study and Intern Abroad

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Gilman Program’s Impact

75% would not have been able to study abroad without the Gilman Scholarship

47% of Gilman Scholars were first-generation college students

64% represented racial or ethnic minority groups

28,000+ U.S. undergraduates of high financial need

1,300+ U.S. institutions represented

140+ countries
3,000+ Scholarships Available

Scholarships up to $5,000

- Summer
- Fall
- Spring
- Academic Year

Critical Need Language Awards up to $8,000, plus access to proficiency testing

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

CNLA requires an additional short essay in the application to be considered for this award.
Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- Undergraduate student
- Federal Pell Grant
- Academic Credit
- Minimum three weeks (21 days) OR two weeks (14 days) if at community college
- Studying in a country with an overall Travel Advisory Level 1 or 2
How to Apply

Online Application
- Study Abroad Program
- Essays
- Transcript(s)
- Advisors

Advisor Certifications
- Study Abroad Advisor
- Financial Aid Advisor
Essay #1

Statement of Purpose

“Personal Interview”

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

Challenges
Essay #2

Follow-on Service Project

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 (Optional)

Critical Need Language Award

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 and career goals?
Timelines & Deadlines

**Spring + Early Summer Application**
- Application Opens: Mid-August
- Applicant Deadline: 1st Tuesday in October*
- Advisor Deadline: 2nd Tuesday in October*

**Summer + Fall + Full Academic Year**
- Application Opens: Mid-January
- Applicant Deadline: 1st Tuesday in March*
- Advisor Deadline: 2nd Tuesday in March*

*11:59pm Central Time

Check Gilman website for future dates and deadlines.
What makes a strong application?

✓ Plan ahead – start today!

✓ Talk to your advisors

✓ Research your study abroad program and destination options – select a program that meets Gilman eligibility criteria

✓ Invest time in your essays. Start early and have them proofread. Answer all of the essay prompts

✓ Check your application for accuracy

✓ Know where to get the information you need to answer the questions you have!
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Other Resources for International Exchange

Other Education Abroad Resources on the Gilman website at GilmanScholarship.org

Other U.S. Government resources:

- Critical Language Scholarship Program
- Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- Boren Scholarships and Fellowships

More information at: studyabroad.state.gov
Contact Information

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  Option 2
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