



Fact Sheet

The Gilman international Scholarship is sponsored by the US Dept. of State. The mission of the Gilman is to broaden the student population that studies and interns abroad by supporting undergraduates who might not otherwise participate due to financial constraints. The program aims to encourage students to choose non-traditional study and intern destinations, and support students who have been traditionally under-represented in education abroad.

Award Benefits:

Over 2,300 scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded this academic year for U.S. citizen undergraduates to study abroad. Award amounts will vary depending on the length of study and student need with the average award being approximately \$4,000. Officially, students can receive up to \$5,000 for a semester or \$3,000 for the summer.

Critical Need Language Award:

Students studying a critical need language are automatically considered for the Gilman Critical Need Language Award (CNLA) for a total possible award of \$8,000. CNLAs are awarded to students studying a Critical Need Language in a country in which that language is predominantly spoken. A limited number are available each year.

Eligibility

- Must be an undergraduate student
- Must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant
- Applying to or has been accepted into a credit-bearing study abroad or internship program
- Studying or interning abroad for at least four weeks in one country.
- Cannot be studying in Cuba or in a country on the U.S. Department of State's current Travel Warning list

Application Components:

- Online application which includes uploading official transcripts & submitting two essays
 - Be sure to request and obtain your transcripts from the NAU registrar's office well before the deadline
- Online certifications come from applicant's study abroad advisor and a NAU financial aid advisor
 - The certification above will happen automatically after you submit your application

Deadlines:

- Fall & Academic Year: First Tuesday in March (Notified in late May)
- Spring: First Tuesday in October (Notified in early December)
- Summer: Student can apply to either or both application deadlines above depending on which date fits best for their program's commitment deadline. If an applicant is not selected for the early deadline, they may re-apply.

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Apply online at:
www/iie.org/Gilman

Gilman Scholarship Tips

Selection Criteria

Gilman reviewers grade applications considering the criteria below. It's ok if you do not meet each of the preferred criterion, as long as you fit some of them. The most important criteria are diversity of participant and destination.

Diversity of Participant

- Preference is given to students traditionally under-represented in study abroad. This includes diverse ethnic backgrounds, physical or learning disabilities, first-generation college students, and non-traditional students to name a few. If you have other personal factors that contribute to being non-traditional in study abroad, be sure to include that information in your essay.
- You must self-disclose your diversity; if you don't tell the reviewer, they will not know!

Country and Regional Destination

- Preference for programs **outside** of Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand
 - 71% of Gilman recipients studies outside of Western Europe
- Always make a strong academic case for why you have chosen your specific program location

Academic Performance

- Preference is given to students with higher GPA although there is no minimum GPA to apply
- The reviewer will consider academic performance and progress over time

Length of study

- Preference is given to longer programs

Field of Study

- Preference for majors underrepresented in study abroad including engineering and the sciences

No previous study abroad

- Preference is given to students who have not studied abroad before
- Travel abroad does not count so there is no need to mention this on your application

Essays

The selection panelist's only opportunity to get to know you is through your essay. The essays are your chance to tell the selection panelist about yourself and your decision to study abroad. It is important to develop an original, creative and feasible Follow-on Service Project. Take the time to proofread your essays several times and ask other people to look them over including the NAU Writing Center. Call 523-5524 (North SLC) or 523-7391 (South SLC) for an appointment.

Statement of Purpose

- Be sure to address the impact that your international program and the Gilman scholarship will have on your academic, professional and personal goals
- Describe your study abroad program & why you have chosen it
- Stay focused! Be sure to address the questions and include specific examples

Follow-on Project

- Projects should focus on promoting study abroad/Gilman Scholarship on campus or in your local community
- Projects should be feasible and able to be completed 6 months after your return
- Choose a target audience that makes sense for you
- Discuss how your audience will be impacted by your project
- Design a project that is creative & unique