Syracuse University

Syracuse Abroad & the Center for Fellowship and Scholarship Advising

Gilman Scholarships Interest Session

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How much funding might I receive?

Award Amounts:

- Up to \$5,000 for a semester or summer program
- Up to an additional \$3,000 for study of a "critical language"

Funded by the U.S. State Department



Am I eligible to apply?

- U.S. Citizens
- Pell Grant Recipients
- Undergraduate students in good standing
- No GPA requirement

Target populations

- First generation (college students/Americans)
- Racial & ethnic minorities
- LGBTQ students
- Veterans
- Students with disabilities (learning, physical)
- STEM students
- Adult learners
- Underrepresented backgrounds (rural, inner cities, states with lower representation in study abroad)

Does my intended program fit the requirements?

- Minimum of 21 days
- Multi-destination programs might be eligible
- Intended study abroad program is in a country with Level 1 or 2 on U.S. State Department's Travel Advisory System

Ideal Destinations

- Destinations less common for study abroad (Asia, Africa, South America)
- Countries with languages of critical interest to the U.S. State Department
- Programs that connect well with your goals

How do I apply for Gilman?

- Start your application on the Gilman Scholarship Website
- Program details (dates, cost, estimated SU financial aid package)
- Copy of transcript
- Two essay questions
- Additional essay for critical language applicants
- NO letters of recommendation



How might receiving the Gilman Scholarship affect my financial aid?

- Gilman applications must be certified by the Office of Financial Aid
- Adjustments might be made to your aid package <u>only if</u> your total funds exceed your need-level
- Receiving Gilman will <u>not</u> reduce your on-campus grants & scholarships

Essay #1 - "Statement of Purpose"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE ESSAY (Essay #1)

- How will studying or interning abroad help you achieve your future academic and professional goals?
- Why did you select your specific program or host country?
- What aspects of studying abroad do you expect to be the most challenging for you?
- What knowledge, skills, and experiences will you draw on to meet those challenges?

ESSAY TIPS

- Answer all questions. The readers will rate you on your answers to each question. If you don't answer a question
 you can't get any points for it.
- Be sure to mention all the ways in which you meet the broad Gilman definition of diversity at some point in this
 essay.
- Find a way to connect all the required answers into a cohesive essay rather than just listing the answers to the questions find a common thread or theme.
- Be sure you specify the country and program to which you plan to go in your introductory paragraph. Reviewers should have this information by the time they finish the first paragraph of your essay.
- Compose coherent paragraphs, each with a clear topic sentence followed by evidence supporting that topic.
 Rather than mentioning the same point in multiple places throughout the essay, focus on the point once in the essay, say everything you need to say about it, and then move on to the next point.
- Your essay should be close to (and not over) the 7,000 character limit, including spaces.

Essay #2 - "Community Impact"

COMMUNITY IMPACT ESSAY (Essay #2)

Make a case for how you will serve as an effective citizen diplomat

- How will you contribute to the mission of building mutual understanding when you are overseas?
- Describe the follow-on service you plan when you return
- What are your project goals? Who is your target population/audience?
- How will you integrate the impact of your experience abroad into your project?
- What organizations will you collaborate with to build awareness of study abroad the Gilman Scholarship?

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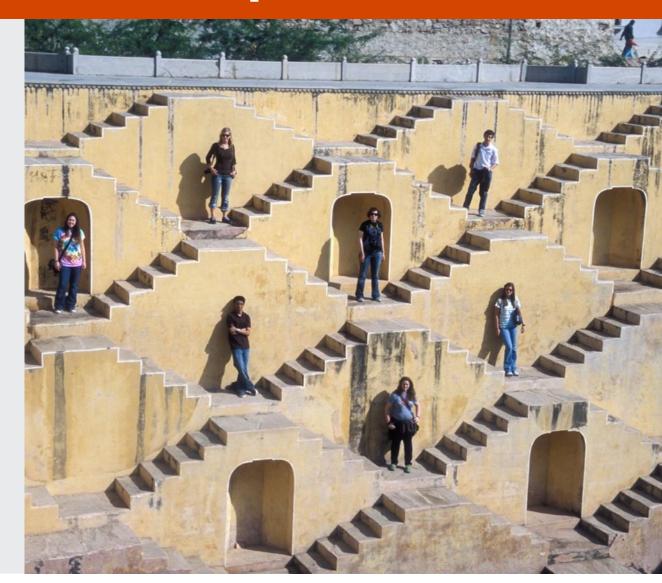
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 you can't get any points for it.
- Consider how you will engage with your host community while your are overseas. Be clear if there are points of connection between your home community and your host country that you intend to engage or build.
- Propose a well-developed follow-on service project. Strong proposals often involve working or connecting with a campus or community organization through which you're already involved.
- Propose multiple modes of connection to engage your target population.
- Make sure your proposed project is feasible.
- Be clear that you will promote not just the study abroad experience, but also the Gilman Scholarship specifically.
- Your essay should be close to (and not over) the 6,000 character limit, including spaces.

Application Timeline

EVENTS	DATES
Syracuse Abroad Summer 2020 Deadline	Monday, February 10, 2020 Online Submission
Writing Workshop #1	Thursday, February 20 12:30-2:00 PM Hinds 120
Writing Workshop #2	Wednesday, February 26 3:00-4:30 PM Tolley 304
Writing Workshop #3	Friday, February 28 12:30-2:00 PM Bowne 306D
Walk-in Hours	February 27 & March 2 1:00-4:00 PM SyracuseAbroad@Bird
Gilman Application Deadline	Tuesday, March 3, 2020 Online Submission
Syracuse Abroad Fall 2020 Deadline	Sunday, March 15, 2020 Online Submission
Syracuse Abroad Spring 2021 Deadline	Thursday, October 1, 2020 Online Submission

What is the certification process?

- Advisors must certify the relevant study abroad & financial aid related information
- Study Abroad Advisor Rick or Marie
- Financial Aid Advisor Kristen
- Please <u>do not</u> email your advisors to inform us of your submitted application.
 Rest assured, we will certify your application within 1 week of the deadline!



The Gilman Experience - Alumni Perspectives Dylan Bryant & Ghufran Salih

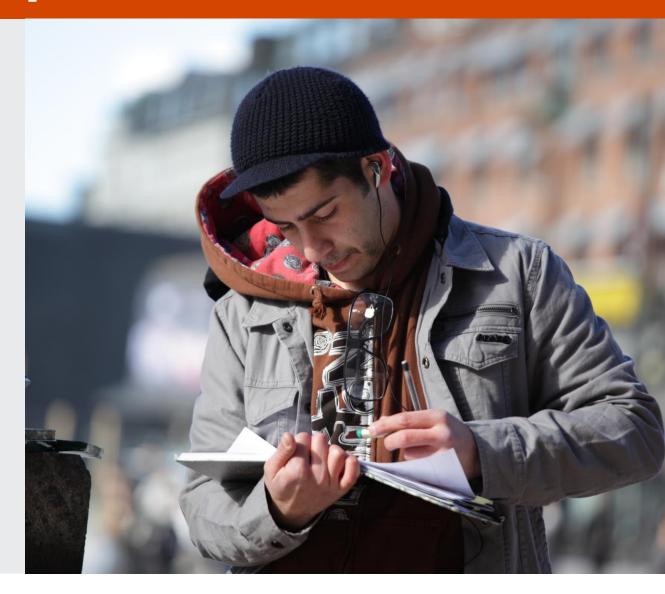
Gilman-McCain Scholarship



The Gilman-McCain Scholarship

Am I eligible for the Gilman-McCain?

- Same requirements as Gilman, with greater scope
- Dependent child of an active duty military member(s) during the time of application in one of the following branches: Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard
- Recipient of any type of Title IV federal financial aid (Pell, Perkins, SEOG, etc.)
- Must provide valid military identity documentation in application



What resources do I have available to me? Study Abroad Questions:

- Syracuse Abroad Website
- Meet with an International Program Advisor
- Chat with a Global Ambassador

Scholarship Essay Assistance:

 Make an appointment with the Center for Fellowship & Scholarship Advising

Financial Aid Concerns:

Book an appointment with your Financial Aid advisor



What advice do you have for us?

- Attend the writing workshops & drop-in hours
- Start drafting your essays as soon as possible
- Visit the Gilman website for essay tips, examples of follow-on projects, and more! https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/



Congratulations to our past recipients!

Maria Victoria Polanco, England

Shamar Niang, Spain

Kailey Smith, France

Jessie Carbajal, Germany

Brienna Flewelling, Italy

Derek Gutierrez, Hong Kong

Santiago Hernandez, Hong Kong

Erick Lojano-Quispe, Italy

Kiara Molina, England

Aislyn Murray, Czech Republic

Eronmwon Osagie, Spain

Diana Quesada, Italy

Christopher Ozomgi, Chile

Eden Tafesse, Hong Kong

Nicole Cruz, Chile

Ghufran Salih, Jordan

Dylan Bryant, Chile

Samuel Hoffman, England

Kayin Bankole, Ghana

Aliya Elsawi, France

Natalia Rice, Spain

Zachary Wilson, England

Lluvia Lopez Garcia, Italy

Ezekiel Wilson, Australia

Lania Roberts, South Africa

Karissa Horsford, England

Adiba Alam, Hong Kong

Shantel Bailey, Spain

Danielle Dacres, Spain

Charlotte Howard, Italy

Mazaher Kaila, France

Bijal Patel, South Africa

Adiba Alam, Hong Kong

Karissa Horsford, England

Lania Roberts, South Africa

Khemiah Burke, Australia

Amy Chasse, Italy

Abigail Covington, Italy

Whitney Ize-Iyamu, Hong Kong

Jasmine Kim, Hong Kong

Minjung Kim, England

Kristine Klein, Chile

Sidne Norman, China

Phebeana Ojomoses, China

Daniel Salomon, Denmark

Aja Selbach-Broad, Czech Republic

Sammy Cayo, Hong Kong

Alexandra Goodnough, Hong Kong

Calvin Guo, Hong Kong

Jessica Vinciguerra, India

Yeshi Wangmo, England

Thandar Zone, Hong Kong

Deema Alsalih, Czech Republic

Ashia Aubourg, Italy





Questions?