

# Education Abroad Scholarship Opportunities

## Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program [undergraduate]



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This Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship program, administered by the Institute of International Education, seeks to diversify the kinds of students who study abroad and the countries and regions where they go.

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded for semester and year-long programs, depending on the program length and student need.

Undergraduates who are U.S. citizens and receive Federal Pell Grant funding are eligible to apply.

More information for the applicants can be found here:

[www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program](http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program)

*Check out helpful tips on the back for crafting a competitive essay.*

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## **OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES**

AllAbroad.us

Boren Awards for International Study

Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program

Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange  
for Young Professionals

DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst

DiversityAbroad.com

Donald N. Nelson Scholarship for Study Abroad

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Funding for U.S. Study Online

Fund for Education Abroad (FEA)

George C. Burke Scholarship  
for Summer Study Abroad

Gold Key Scholarship

International Studies Abroad Scholarship

International Research and ExchangesBoard (IREX)

LivFund

National Science Foundation

Rhodes Scholarship

Russell Brown Scholarship Fund

Study Abroad in Japan - The Bridge  
Scholarship

Sullivan Award

StudyAbroad.com

Shanghai Scholarship

The International Scholarship Search

University Study Abroad Consortium  
(USAC)

**Learn about these Education Abroad Scholarships and Resources at:**

[www.utoledo.edu/cisp/scholarships.html](http://www.utoledo.edu/cisp/scholarships.html)

# Gilman Scholarship:

## *Polishing Your Application*

### *Tips for Crafting Competitive Essays*

#### Polishing Your Application:

- Are your study abroad program dates correct? Double check to make sure you have entered the correct year. For example, if your program begins in January, be sure to list the new year in your program dates. If you still have not received your exact program dates, please enter the best estimated dates. Once you are informed of the exact dates, notify the Gilman Scholarship Program immediately.
- Have you selected the correct Study Abroad Advisor and Financial Aid Advisor to certify your application? It is important to meet with your advisors to let them know you will be submitting an application and that they will need to certify the application online. The advisors that you select in your application must come from your home institution.
- Have you requested your transcripts? Many institutions require several days to process your transcript before mailing or giving it to you. Transcripts must be mailed to the Gilman Scholarship Program by the postmark deadline.

#### Tips for Crafting Competitive Essays:

- **Have your essay proofread. Check for proper spelling, punctuation and grammar.**  
One of the most important things to remember for any essay is to have it read by an advisor or professor. Spell check and grammar check are fine, but a good proofreader will find things that your word processing software won't. Before submitting your application, be sure to double check your essay. Did you spell the names of cities correctly? Spell check will not always correct these mistakes. Be sure you have proper punctuation and do not type your essay in all lower case or all upper case letters. Most importantly, check for correct grammar. Grammar check will not always correct your sentence properly, so it's important to have someone else look at your essay thoroughly.
- **Work with your advisors.**  
It is important to talk with your study abroad advisor prior to completing your essays. Your study abroad advisor can give you ideas for subjects to cover in your Statement of Purpose Essay. He or she can also help you develop a creative Follow-on Service Project. Remember, your advisors may have participated in selection panels for scholarship programs and can give you some great insight into what makes an interesting and competitive essay.
- **Work with UT's on campus Writing Center.**  
Take the first draft of your essay to the Writing Center or to a composition professor. These individuals have invaluable expertise in writing essays for scholarships.
- **Be creative.**  
Remember that this is a competitive scholarship program and the selection panelist's only chance 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 and creative Follow-on Service Project. The most competitive applications are those that have creative and original essays.

For more in-depth information regarding the Statement of Purpose and Follow-on Service Project Proposal essays, please visit the Essays page on the website:

<http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program/Application-Process/Tips>