

Gilman Program Mission

Named after retired Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman, NY (pictured below), the program's goal is to diversify the kinds of students who study abroad and the countries and regions where they go. Specifically, the Gilman Program offers scholarships for students who have been traditionally underrepresented in education abroad.

Underrepresented students include:

- students with high financial need;
- students from diverse ethnic backgrounds;
- students going to non-traditional study abroad destinations (especially those outside Western Europe, Australia, and New Zealand);
- students attending community colleges;
- students in fields of study underrepresented in study abroad; and
- students with disabilities.

Award recipients are chosen by a competitive selection process and must use the award to defray the eligible costs of their chosen study abroad program including, tuition, fees, books, and airfare.

The program is funded through the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000 and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It is administered by the Institute of International Education through its Regional Center in Houston, Texas.



Eligibility Requirements

The Gilman Program is open to all U.S. citizen undergraduates in good academic standing who meet the criteria listed below.

- The applicant must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term of study abroad.
- The applicant is applying to or has been accepted into a study abroad program eligible for credit by the student's institution of higher education in the U.S.
- The applicant will study abroad at least 4 weeks in one country.
- The applicant will study abroad in any country except Cuba or a country on the State Department's current travel warning list.
- The applicant will study in the fall, spring, or academic year terms including winter intersessions. Summer only programs are not eligible.

Award Amounts

Award recipients receive up to \$5,000 to study in one country for a minimum of 4 weeks and up to one academic year.

Students studying a critical need language while studying in the Middle East/North Africa or other non-traditional locations are eligible for the *Gilman Critical Need Language Supplement*. The supplement provides Gilman recipients with an additional \$3,000 for a possible award of up to \$8,000. Critical Need Languages include:

- Arabic (all dialects);
- Chinese (all dialects);
- Turkic (Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Turkish, Turkmen, Uzbek);
- Persian (Farsi, Dari, Kurdish, Pashto, Tajiki);
- Indic (Hindi, Urdu, Nepali, Sinhala, Bengali, Punjabi, Marathi, Gujarati, Sindhi);
- Korean; and
- Russian.

How To Apply

Applicants are Required:

- 1) To review application instructions and verify eligibility on the website at www.iie.org/gilman;
- 2) To submit an online application by the designated deadline. It is highly recommended that applicants consult with their study abroad and financial aid advisors prior to submitting an application;
- 3) To send 3 copies of transcripts from current institution and last institution attended, if applicable, by the postmark deadline.

Application Deadlines:

For Study Abroad In:	Due:
Fall & Academic Year	*April
Spring	*September

**Visit the Gilman Program website for this year's exact deadlines for both advisors and students.*

