Gilman Scholarship
Overview
Application process
Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship Program

- Administered by the Institute of International Education
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
- For students of high financial need who have been traditionally underrepresented in education abroad
- Goal to diversify the population of students who study abroad, as well as the countries and regions they select
  - Expanding beyond traditional study abroad locations, and encouraging students to study outside of Western Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada
Critical Need Language Award

- Applicants studying a critical need language while abroad can submit an additional essay to be considered for a supplemental award of $3000 (for maximum award of $8000 total).

- Critical Need Languages include the following:
  - Arabic (all dialects)
  - Azerbaijani
  - Bangla
  - Bahasa Indonesian
  - Chinese (Mandarin)
  - Hindi
  - Indonesian
  - Japanese
  - Korean
  - Persian
  - Portuguese
  - Punjabi
  - Russian
  - Swahili
  - Turkish
  - Urdu
Who Can Apply?

- U.S. Citizen
- Federal Pell Grant Recipient
- Be in good academic standing
- Must have began the application process with Clemson Abroad
- Not previously received the Gilman Scholarship

Study Abroad Program of choice must:
- be credit bearing
- be a minimum of 3 weeks or longer
- in a country with an overall Travel Advisory of Level 1 or 2, according to the U.S. Department of State’s Travel Advisory System
Keep in Mind

Gilman’s mission is to diversify the population studying abroad by encouraging underrepresented students to participate.

Underrepresented students include (but are not limited to):

- students from diverse ethnic background
- first-generation college students
- veterans
- students with disabilities
- student athletes whose extracurricular commitments make it difficult to study abroad
- students with high financial need
- students in fields of study underrepresented in study abroad, specifically science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- students who have transferred to Clemson from community colleges, HBCUs, Tribal Colleges, Hispanic-serving Institutions, or other Minority-Serving Institutions
- students going to non-traditional study abroad destinations, especially the outside of Western Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada
Application Overview

The online application includes:

1. Eligibility
2. Applicant Info
3. Institutional Info
4. Official Transcripts (even from previous institutions)
5. Abroad Program
6. Program Details
7. International Experience
8. Financial Aid
9. Essays
Eligibility & Applicant Info

• Personal Information
  – Name, Address, Emergency Contact, Citizenship, etc.

• Financial Aid
  – You will need to verify your Pell Grant Status and the financial information for your program
  – Provide information on your financial aid package, scholarships, grants and/or loans
Institution Info

List Clemson as your current institution, graduation date, major, etc.

- List the appropriate Study Abroad Coordinator:
  - Carolyn Crist
    College of AAH
    ccrist@clemson.edu
  - Alexandra Hazleton
    College of Business
    hazleto@clemson.edu
  - Yuki Hirose
    College of Science
    ykihara@clemson.edu
  - Joshua Hudson
    BSHS, CoEd, CARLS, CECAS
    jhudson@clemson.edu

- List the appropriate Financial Aid Advisor
  - Nora Gail Woods
    All Students
    noraw@clemson.edu

What is advisor certification?

Study Abroad Advisors/Coordinators will be asked to verify that you have applied to an accredit-eligible study abroad program and confirm your study abroad program information. The Financial Aid Advisor will be asked to verify whether you are currently receiving a Federal Pell Grant and the estimated amount of financial aid, excluding loans, you can apply to your program. Advisors can only certify if information is correct; we cannot advocate on students' behalf.
Upload Transcript

• Must provide a transcript from all undergraduate institutions attended
  – Transcripts can be Official or Unofficial

• If you wish to request an Official Transcript
  – Order from Clemson Registrar Office
  – Have mailed or emailed to yourself
  – Upload to Gilman Portal

• If you wish to upload unofficial transcript
  – Login to iRoar, view academic transcript, and save as PDF
  – Upload to Gilman Portal
Abroad Program & Program Details

• Program Information
  – Program Title
  – Official Dates (double check official program website)

Application Questions

“Will you be studying a foreign language while abroad?”
  if you will be taking a foreign language, credit bearing course answer “Yes”
Will you be taking classes that are taught in a foreign language aboard?
  If you will be taking your content courses in English answer “No”
International Experience

• Include information about any other undergraduate study abroad where you have received academic credit or volunteer experience if it relates

• Do not include personal travel!
Financial Aid

Estimated Total Cost of Your Study Abroad Program

Gilman wants to see all possible costs you may incur during your semester or summer abroad, including:

- Tuition & Fees
- Housing
- Books
- Transportation
- Passport & Visa
- Insurance (generally included in Program)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please use the highest amount possible to calculate the program costs to demonstrate the maximum amount of need. However, Clemson Abroad will certify the amount you suggested.

Clemson Abroad or your Program Provider can assist you in getting the budget for your program. The estimate will likely seem quite high. Don’t worry. You will find that actual cost of living largely depends on your budget, lifestyle, preferences, etc. It is possible to live affordably in an expensive city, and to live expensively in an affordable city.
Essays

Students must submit 2 essays
- Statement of Purpose
- Proposal for Follow-on Service Project

Essays should be no more than 7,000 characters including spaces or approximately 1 – 1.5 pages single spaced

Additional Essays Required for Critical Language Award

Please take time to prepare your essays and use the resources provided to you through Gilman, Major Fellowships Office, & Clemson Abroad
Resources

Use the Office of Major Fellowships to help writing your essays!

1. Login to CU Navigate/TigerGuide
2. Click schedule an appointment (top right)
3. Choose study abroad
4. Choose study abroad scholarship advising
5. Choose Gilman Scholarship
Resources

Use the **Office of Major Fellowships** to help writing your essays!

6. Choose 191 Core

7. Choose both Robyn Curtis and Warren Chatwin

8. Find an available time to schedule writing appointments
Resources

View More Information Visit Gilman Website
https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/applicants/application-overview/

Learn about the application process from past recipients as well as helpful hints and tips on creating a strong application!

Previous Applicant FAQs  Videos
Clemson Abroad
Information Sessions

Wednesday, September 4th
4:30pm – 5:30pm E-304 Martin Hall

Tuesday, September 10th
5pm – 6pm E-304 Martin Hall

Tuesday, October 1st
Student APPLICATION DUE
Contact us!

Clemson Abroad
Monday – Friday
8:00am – 4:30pm

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