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
Award Details

- Over 2,900 scholarships awarded per academic year.

- Awards are up to $5000 to offset costs of studying abroad including tuition, fees, books, and airfare

- Award amounts vary based on the strength of application, financial need, as well as program location and length

- Awards sent directly to recipients
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).
**Cannot receive without winning Gilman

• Critical Need Languages include the following:

  Arabic (all dialects)  Persian
  Azerbaijani  Portuguese
  Bangla  Punjabi
  Bahasa Indonesian  Russian Swahili
  Chinese (Mandarin) Hindi  Turkish
  Japanese  Urdu
  Korean
Who Can Apply?

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

- Study Abroad Program of choice must:
  - be credit bearing
  - be a minimum of 3 weeks (21 days) 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
Selection Criteria – Gilman Scholarship

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

Following slides have more details on each application section!
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
List Clemson as your current institution, graduation date, major, etc.

List the appropriate Study Abroad Coordinator:

Carolyn Crist  
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List the appropriate Financial Aid Advisor

Nora Gail Woods  
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What is advisor certification?

Study Abroad Advisors/Coordinators will be asked to verify that you have applied to a credit-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 (Official or Unofficial) from all undergraduate institutions attended

• 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
  − If you win, you will be required to submit an official transcript
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
- 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.

The Pam Hendrix Center for Education 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 (7,000 character limit)
- Community Impact Essay (6,000 character limit)

The optional Critical Need Language Aware Essay (2,000 character limit)

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

Use the **Office of Major Fellowships** when 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](#) 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
Cycle 1: Deadlines
(Program Start May 2020 – April 2021)

March 3, 2020: Student Deadline for submission of complete Gilman Application

March 10, 2020: Advisor deadline for certification

Late April 2020: Applicants are notified of status via email

May 2020: Scholarship Applicants must accept/decline their award & submit required documentation
Contact us!

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