



The U.S. Department of State's **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program** provides merit-based scholarships to talented American undergraduate students with high financial need to study or intern abroad for academic credit.

The Gilman Program was created by the U.S. Congress to support future American leaders to gain skills that advance the U.S. economy and support national interests. Through the **Gilman-McCain Scholarship for Military Families**, the Gilman Program provides scholarships to child and spousal dependents of active or activated U.S. military members to study or intern abroad. The Program also offers competitive supplemental awards to U.S. students learning languages critical to national security and pursuing STEM careers.

Since 2001, 44,000 outstanding U.S. undergraduate students have studied or interned abroad in 170 countries through the Gilman Program. Gilman Program alumni have become leaders in business, technology, government, the U.S. military, and more.

Gilman At A Glance



Gilman Scholars come from **all 50 states**



100% of Gilman recipients have financial need



nearly 50% are first-generation college students



nearly 60% come from small towns or rural communities across the U.S.

Program Impact

- **STUDENT IMPACT:** Gilman Scholars strengthen their professional skills to further their careers.
- **U.S. IMPACT:** Gilman Scholars bring their new skills and knowledge home to innovate and advance the American economy.
- **GLOBAL IMPACT:** Gilman Scholars serve as citizen diplomats, sharing U.S. culture and values abroad.

“As a [Bachelors in Business Administration] Computer Information Systems major, the exposure to new cultures and international systems strengthened my leadership, adaptability, and cross-cultural communication—skills I now carry into my career path in tech and business analysis. **The Gilman Program didn't just fund my travel—it helped shape my vision.**”

— 2025 GILMAN SCHOLAR FROM **MISSISSIPPI** TO **SOUTH AFRICA**

“Through this opportunity, I gained firsthand exposure to how **business is conducted internationally**...This experience has not only changed my framing on how I see the world [but] the way I will approach global business and communication moving forward.”

— 2025 GILMAN SCHOLAR FROM **ILLINOIS** TO **JAPAN**

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizen or national
- Undergraduate student in good academic standing
 - For Gilman-McCain, dependent (child or spouse) of active or activated U.S. military personnel during time of application
- Federal Pell Grant recipient
 - For Gilman-McCain, recipient of any type of Title IV federal financial aid
- Applying for or accepted to a credit-bearing study abroad or internship program in a country with an overall U.S. State Department Travel Advisory 1 or 2



Application Deadlines

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

For overseas programs that start
December 2025–October 2026

THURSDAY, MARCH 5


For overseas programs that start
May 2026–April 2027

Gilman Alumni Benefits

- Career workshops and seminars
- Networking opportunities with thousands of Gilman Scholars and Alumni

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