

Gilman International Scholarship for Study Abroad

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Quick Facts

- Up to \$5,000 to cover “program tuition and fees, room and board, books, local transportation, health insurance and international airfare.” Students studying a “critical need language,” may receive a supplemental award of up to \$3,000.
- **3,700+ scholarships will be awarded this year. Approximately 1 in 4 Gilman Scholarship applicants are selected to receive the scholarship.**
- 1,424 scholarships were awarded in Summer 2019.
- Cerritos College students who have won a Gilman Scholarship:
 - Two students (China 2014, 2016): \$4,500 each
 - One student (India 2016): \$4,000
 - One student (Cyprus 2016): \$2,500
 - One student (UK 2017): \$3,500

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Eligibility, Timeline, and Application

- U.S. Citizen or U.S. National (American Samoa, Swain Islands, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands)
- Recipient of a Federal Pell Grant
- Undergraduate student in “good standing at an accredited institution of higher education in the United States”
- Summer 2020 Application
 - Opens in mid-January 2020
 - Deadline is March 3rd, 2020
 - Scholarship recipients are notified at the end of April 2020
- Complete the application and essay questions

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The Statement of Purpose Essay

- How will studying or interning abroad help you achieve your future academic or professional goals?
- Why did you select your specific program and host country?
- What aspects of studying or interning abroad do you expect to be the most challenging for you?
- What knowledge, skills, and experiences will you draw on to meet these challenges?
- Maximum of 7,000 characters including spaces (approximately 1.5 single-spaced pages)

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The Community Impact Essay

- When you are overseas, how will you contribute to the mission of building mutual understanding between the people of your home community and the people of your host community?
- What are your project goals?
- Who is your target population/audience and why did you select them?
- How will you integrate the impact of your experience abroad into your project?
- What, if any, campus departments, student organizations, or community organizations will you collaborate with in bringing awareness to study abroad and the Gilman Scholarship?
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Supplemental Essay for Critical Need Language (supplemental award of up to \$3,000)

- What are your motivations for improving your language proficiency academically, professionally, and personally?
- How do you intend to improve your language skills while studying abroad? How will you increase your proficiency in the language inside and outside of the classroom setting?
- How do you intend to use the language after you study abroad, and how will the Critical Need Language Award prepare you for this?
- If you plan to study in a country where the language does not appear in the list above, what are the benefits of and resources for studying abroad in your proposed country?
- The pink dot next to a language = priority is given to this language
- Maximum of 6,000 characters (including spaces)

CRITICAL NEED LANGUAGES INCLUDE:

LANGUAGE	POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES OR AREAS*
Arabic	Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates
Azerbaijani	Azerbaijan
Bahasa Indonesian ●	Indonesia
Bangla	India
Chinese (Mandarin)	China, Taiwan
Hindi ●	India
Japanese	Japan
Korean	South Korea
Persian ●	Tajikistan
Portuguese ●	Angola, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Equatorial Guinea, Macau, Mozambique, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe
Punjabi ●	India
Russian	Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine
Swahili ●	Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda
Turkish ●	Azerbaijan, Cyprus
Urdu ●	India

Gilman International Scholarship Informative Links

- **Informative Videos:**

<https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/resources/videos/>

- **Overview of Essay Questions:**

<https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/applicants/essays/>

- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):**

<https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/applicants/applicants-faq-2/>

We will offer help with the Gilman Scholarship Essays. More information will be announced to applicants once the Gilman application process opens in mid-January 2020.

