Gilman Scholarship

Program Overview, Eligibility, Application
U.S. Department of State

Promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, and they do so by facilitating opportunities of academic, professional, athletic, and other cultural exchange.

studyabroad.state.gov
exchanges.state.gov
Gilman Program’s 2020-2021 Impact

58% were first-generation college students
70% represented racial or ethnic minority groups
70% came from rural/small towns
34,000+ U.S. undergraduates of high financial need
150+ countries
1,300+ U.S. institutions represented
Scholarships up to $5,000

• Fall
• Spring
• Summer
• Winter
• Academic Year
Critical Need Language Award

Up to an additional $3,000 + access to proficiency testing

- Arabic
- Azerbaijani
- Bahasa Indonesian
- Bangla
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Hebrew*
- Hindi
- Japanese
- Korean
- Persian
- Portuguese
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Swahili
- Turkish
- Urdu

Studying any of these languages in sign language is also eligible for CNLA

Requires an additional essay to be considered
Gilman Alumni Benefits

• Non-Competitive Eligibility (NCE)
• Gilman Scholar Network
• Alumni Ambassador Program
• Seminars & Career Workshops
• Networking Opportunities
• Skill Development
Eligibility
Gilman Eligibility

• U.S. citizen or national
• Undergraduate student
• Federal Pell Grant recipient
• Credit-bearing program
• In a country or area with an overall Travel Advisory level 1 or 2 or approved Level 3 exception location
• No minimum length requirement!
Gilman Eligibility

Recipients may be permitted to travel abroad as a Gilman Scholar if their program’s country/area(s) meet the following criteria:

1. Travel Advisory Level 1 or 2, according to the U.S. Department of State’s Travel Advisory System, or
2. On the list of approved Travel Advisory Level 3 countries/areas
Gilman-McCain Scholarship Eligibility

$5,000 for child dependents of active-duty service members

- U.S. citizen
- Undergraduate student
- Credit-bearing program
- In a Travel Advisory level 1 or 2 country, or level 3 approved exception
- No minimum length requirement!
- Recipient of any type of Title IV federal financial aid
- Dependent (child or spouse) of active or activated military personnel (Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy, Navy Reserve, Space Force, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and USPHS Commissioned Corps)
Application
2 Steps

1. Student Application
   - Abroad Program Info
   - Essays
   - Unofficial Transcript(s)
   - Select Advisors

2. Advisor Certifications
   - Study Abroad Advisor
   - Financial Aid Advisor
Abroad Program & Program Details

Official Program Title
- “NYU Accra” = correct
- “NYU in Accra” or “Accra” = incorrect
- *If participating in a program at an NYU location, it is not a foreign institution

Official Dates
- Use the official calendar on website (do NOT estimate the dates – remember that the semester dates at NYU global locations may differ from NYU in New York!)

Application question: “Will you be studying a foreign language while abroad?”
- Foreign language coursework required at some but not all NYU programs. If you will be taking a foreign language course, answer “yes.”

Application question: “Are the classes you will be taking abroad taught in a foreign language?”
- Courses at NYU’s global locations are mostly taught in English but some programs allow students to take content courses in a foreign language (ex: Biology taught in Spanish). If you will be taking your content courses in English, answer “no.”
Estimated Total Cost of Your Study Abroad Program:
Gilman wants to see all possible costs you may incur during your semester away, including:

- home school tuition & fees
- immigration
- housing
- books
- transportation
- meals
- flight
- and insurance (included in tuition if on an NYU program)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please use the highest amount possible to calculate the program costs to demonstrate the maximum amount of need.

If participating in an NYU Fall/Spring semester program, use the example chart (available online here) to calculate the overall cost of your program. The example on the next slide is a helpful guide.
Financial Aid

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Please Note: Your 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!
Advisor Certifications

Last Name A-H

• Study Abroad Advisor: Melissa Ceballos
  melissa.ceballos@nyu.edu

• Financial Aid Advisor: Lisa Oranges
  lisa.oranges@nyu.edu

Last Name I-P

• Study Abroad Advisor: Payal Batra
  pb2800@nyu.edu

• Financial Aid Advisor: Lisa Oranges
  (lisa.oranges@nyu.edu) OR Melissa Joseph
  (melissa.joseph@nyu.edu)

Last Name Q-Z

• Study Abroad Advisor: Nyoka Joseph
  nyoka.joseph@nyu.edu

• Financial Aid Advisor: Melissa Joseph
  melissa.joseph@nyu.edu

What is advisor certification?

Study Abroad Advisors will be asked to verify that you have applied or are applying 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.
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<th>Personal Interview</th>
<th>You + Program + Goals (academic, professional, personal)</th>
<th>Meeting Challenges</th>
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Statement of Purpose

Essay #1
Required
Max. 7000 characters
5 Questions to Ask Yourself

Statement of Purpose Essay

1. Do you make a connection between your program and goals?

2. Do you make a connection between your country and goals?

3. Do you share how you will be academically successful on your program?

4. Do you give examples of your experiences, skills, and knowledge that you will use to meet program challenges?

5. Do you address how this abroad experience will impact your future?
**Essay #2**  
*Required*  
*Max. 3000 characters*

## Community Impact: Building Mutual Understanding Essay

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<th>What it means to be a U.S. citizen while abroad</th>
<th>How you will seek opportunities to be culturally engaged</th>
<th>Seeking opportunities to have meaningful interactions</th>
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**NYU Global Programs**

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**20 YEARS with Gilman**
3 Questions to Ask Yourself

Building Mutual Understanding Essay

1. Do you articulate how you will represent the U.S. as a citizen diplomat while abroad?

2. Do you explain how will contribute to the goal of building mutual understanding?

3. Do you discuss how you will look for opportunities to build meaningful relationships and become more culturally engaged?
| Being an effective citizen diplomat while abroad | How will you give back by inspiring others to study abroad? | On campus or in home community | Design plan of action (audience, tools, timeline) |

**Community Impact:**
**Follow-on Service Project Proposal**
5 Questions to Ask Yourself

Follow-On Service Project Proposal

1. Does your FOSP **increase awareness** of the Gilman Scholarship and study abroad?

2. Is your project **feasible**?

3. Do you give a **detailed plan** for your project?

4. Do you incorporate your **study abroad experience** into your project?

5. Do you have an **intended audience**? Who will you collaborate with to reach this **community**?
## Critical Need Language Award Essay

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<th>Is it a critical need language?</th>
<th>Is it predominantly spoken in the country you’re going to?</th>
<th>How does it relate to your academic or career goals?</th>
<th>Motivations for improving language proficiency academically, professionally, and personally</th>
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Selection Criteria

- Impact of Program & Destination on Student’s Academic & Career Directory
- Community Impact Abroad & Upon Student’s Return Home
- Academic Preparedness
- Diversity of Background & Experience
- Commitment to Proficiency in a Critical Need Language
Deadlines and Timelines
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October 2022
- Deadline
- Abroad Program Starts
Dec 2022 – Oct 2023
- Application Opens: Mid-August
- Applicant Deadline: October 6, 2022 11:59pm PT
- Advisor Deadline: October 13, 2022

March 2023
- Deadline
- Abroad Program Starts
May 2023 – April 2024
- Mid-January
- March 7, 2023 11:59pm PT
- March 14, 2023
Application Tips
Gilman Scholars’ Tips for Applicants

Create a compelling story that ties your past, present, and future to highlight the impact the scholarship will have on you.

Start the application early, be your truest self, and have confidence that you are worthy.
Gilman Scholars’ Tips for Applicants

For your Follow-on Service Project, think about your community and local schools. Think of how you heard about Gilman and how you could tell others about it!

If you don’t apply, you’ll never get it!
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Resources for International Exchange

Other U.S. Government Resources:

• Critical Language Scholarship Program
• Fulbright U.S. Student Program
• Boren Scholarships and Fellowships

studyabroad.state.gov
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