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
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 & Selection Criteria
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 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 dependents (child or spouse) of active or activated US military personnel

- 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 (including Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy, Navy Reserve, Space Force, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and USPHS Commissioned Corps)
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
Application
2 Steps

1. **Student Application** -
   - Abroad Program Info
   - Essays
   - Unofficial Transcript(s)
   - Select Advisors
   - Due Thursday March 9th - 11:59 PM PST

2. **Advisor Certifications** -
   - Study Abroad Advisor
   - Financial Aid Advisor
   - Due Thursday March 16 - 11:59 PM PST
Abroad Program & Program Details

Official Program Title
• “NYU Accra” = correct
• “NYU in Accra” or “Accra” = incorrect

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!) If participating in a summer or jterm program, use the dates of that program.

Application question: “Graduation Date”
• If you do not know the exact date of your graduation, estimate the date but it’s usually in May.

Application question: “What institution/organization will be administering your program?”
• If you are enrolled in an NYU Program then you will list NYU. If you are participating in a program outside of NYU then you would list that institution/organization.

Application question: “Have you previously studied or interned abroad for undergraduate academic credit?”
• If you studied away as an undergraduate and receive academic credit then you would answer yes. This does not include personal travel, or a spring break program if you did not receive academic credit.
**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.

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### Example Estimated Total Cost of Your Study Abroad Program:

- **Housing:** $11,848
- **Meals:** $2,800
- **Flight:** $1,000
- **Transport:** $725
- **Visa cost:** $1,200
- **Books/Misc.:** $2,200
- **Insurance:** n/a

+ **NYU Home School Tuition**

= **Total Estimated Program Cost**

### 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.
Essays
| Personal Interview | You + Program + Goals (academic, professional, personal) | Meeting Challenges |
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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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?
Essay #3  
Required  
Max. 3000 characters

### Community Impact:  
Follow-on Service Project Proposal

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<th>How will you give back by inspiring others to study abroad?</th>
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<th>Design plan of action (audience, tools, timeline)</th>
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**NYU Global Programs**

20 YEARS with Gilman
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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4 Questions to Ask Yourself

Critical Need Language (CNL) Award

1. Do you address your academic, professional, personal motivations for improving your language proficiency?

2. Do you give examples of how you will improve your language skills while studying abroad both inside and outside of the classroom setting?

3. Do you share how you intend to use the language after you study abroad and how the CNL Award prepares you for this?

4. If you would like to be considered for an exception of studying a language in a country/location where it is not predominantly spoken. Do you explain why you choose your particular location and the benefits and resources for studying the selected language there?
Deadlines and Timelines
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**March 2023 Deadline**
- Application Opens: Mid-January
- Applicant Deadline: March 9, 2023, 11:59pm PT
- Advisor Deadline: March 16, 2023

*Abroad Program Starts May 2023 – April 2024*

**October 2023 Deadline**
- Application Opens: Mid-August
- Applicant Deadline: October 3, 2023, 11:59pm PT
- Advisor Deadline: October 10, 2023

*Abroad Program Starts Dec 2023 – Oct 2024*
Application Tips & Resources
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!
Resources for International Exchange

Other U.S. Government Resources:

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

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Flyers

Gilman One-Pager

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