Gilman Overview: Understanding the Application
Benjamin 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 defray costs study 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 (not to Financial Aid Office)
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)
• Note: This is not a separate award; cannot receive without winning Gilman scholarship
• Critical need languages include the following:
  - Arabic (all dialects)
  - Azerbaijani
  - Bahasa Indonesian
  - Bangla
  - Chinese (Mandarin)
  - Hindi
  - Japanese
  - Korean
  - Persian
  - Portuguese
  - Punjabi
  - Russian
  - Swahili
  - Turkish
  - Urdu
Who Can Apply- Gilman Scholarship

- U.S. Citizen
- Federal Pell Grant recipient
- Must have application on file for study away (but do not need to have received admissions notification yet)
- Must receive academic credit for study away program or internship
- Program cannot be in location currently under a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning
- Program must be a minimum of three weeks (21 days)-- note that some summer and j-term study away programs may not be long enough
- Can only receive award once
Selection Criteria- Gilman Scholarship

Keep in mind Gilman’s mission: 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 away
• 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 NYU from community colleges, HBCUs, Tribal Colleges, Hispanic-serving Institutions, or other Minority-Serving Institutions
• students going to non-traditional study abroad destinations, especially those outside of Western Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada
Overview of Application

- The Gilman Online Application includes:
  - Eligibility
  - Applicant Info
  - Institutional Info
  - Official Transcript
  - Abroad Program
  - Program Details
  - International Experience
  - Financial Aid
  - Essays

- Complete NYU Authorization Form giving your NYU Advisors permission to certify your application is accurate (linked on our Gilman page)

- 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 or loans
What is advisor certification?

Study Abroad Advisors 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 Official/Unofficial Transcript

- Must provide Official/Unofficial Transcript from all undergraduate institutions

- [Request Official transcripts](#) from Registrar and have mailed to you or upload official/unofficial e-Transcript

- Do NOT mail transcript to Gilman Scholarship Program

- Scan and upload copy to the online application

- Request your transcript ASAP!

- * Although an unofficial transcript is acceptable at the time of the application, an official transcript is required if the award is received.
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 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:** “Will you be taking classes that are taught in a foreign language abroad?”
- 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.”
International Experience

• Include information about any other undergraduate study abroad where you have received academic credit

• Do not include personal travel!
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.
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!
Students must submit 2 essays:

- Statement of Purpose
- Community Impact

Essays should be no more than 7,000 characters for the Statement of Purpose and 6,000 character limit for the Community Impact Essay (including spaces), or approximately 1-1.5 pages single-spaced.

Additional essay required to be considered for Critical Need Language Award, has a 2,000 character limit (including spaces)

View our guide to “Writing Strong Application Essays” on the [Gilman webpage](http://gilman.webpage) AND...
Resources

To view more information, visit Gilman’s website:

• [Program Overview](#)
• [Applicant FAQs](#)
• [Videos](#) include:
  – Online Application Walk-through Webinar
  – Follow-on Service Project Overview
  – Encouraging Students with Disabilities to Study Abroad
  – Gilman Global Experience: videos from former Gilman recipients

Still have questions? NYU Gilman Advisors can help!

• [RSVP](#) for an in-person Info Session OR
• [Sign up](#) for an Advising Appointment
Cycle 1 Deadlines
(Program Start December 2019-October 2020)

• **October 1, 2019:** Student Deadline for submission of online authorization form and online application, including transcript(s). Must submit application by 11:59pm CDT ➔ NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED!

• **October 8, 2019:** Advisor Deadline for submission of online Study Abroad Advisor and Financial Aid Advisor section.

• **October/November 2019:** Complete Applications are processed and distributed to selection panels for review.

• **Late-November 2019:** Applicants are notified of the status of their application via email. Study Abroad and Financial Aid Advisors will be notified of scholarship recipients via email. A list of the recipients will be available on the Gilman website.

• **December 2019:** Scholarship recipients must accept/decline their award and submit required documentation.

• **Terms Accommodated:** Winter/J-term 2020, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Academic Year 2020-2021

• For future semester dates please refer to the [Gilman website](https://www.gilman.org).
Cycle 2 Deadlines
(Programs Start May 2020-April 2021)

• **March 3, 2020**: Student Deadline for submission of online authorization form and online application, including transcript(s). Must submit application by 11:59pm CDT → NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED!

• **March 10, 2020**: Advisor Deadline for submission of online Study Abroad Advisor and Financial Aid Advisor section.

• **March/April 2020**: Complete Applications are processed and distributed to selection panels for review.

• **Late-April 2020**: Applicants are notified of the status of their application via email. Study Abroad and Financial Aid Advisors will be notified of scholarship recipients via email. A list of the recipients will be available on the Gilman website.

• **May 2020**: Scholarship recipients must accept/decline their award and submit required documentation.

• **Terms Accommodated**: Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Academic Year 2020-2021, Winter/J-term 2021, and Spring 2021

• For future semester dates please refer to the [Gilman website](https://www.gilman-scholarship.org).
Thank You!