



## The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

The Summer 2019, Fall 2019, and Academic Year 2019-2020 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship is open to US citizens who are receiving a Federal Pell Grant and studying abroad for 3 or more weeks starting between May 1 and August 1 as well as fall programs beginning between July 15 and October 15. This scholarship offers awards of up to \$5,000, with an average award of \$4,000. We strongly encourage you to work with our office in order to submit a strong application packet for this highly competitive scholarship. Just this past spring, *four* SJU students were awarded the Gilman Scholarship for their spring study abroad program!

Please make sure to check out the [Gilman website](#) for more detailed information regarding eligibility and selection criteria.

### For All Students:

#### **Gilman Facts**

- All students receiving a Federal Pell Grant are eligible for the Gilman Scholarship.
- The Gilman Program strongly encourages students from diverse ethnic backgrounds to apply.
- The Gilman awards up to \$5,000 towards an undergraduate study abroad semester/year.
- The student application deadline is **March 5, 2019 by 11:59pm Central Time** for summer 2019, fall 2019, and academic year 2019-20 programs.
- The Gilman scholarship is looking for applicants who intend on studying critical need languages within the countries they are spoken.

Every student applying for the Gilman Scholarship should meet with a Financial Aid Advisor to verify Pell Eligibility. If you have any questions about the Gilman process, please contact the Office of International Education. ***Visiting students should contact their home university's study abroad office.***

### Gilman Timeline and Process

- **March 5, 2019: Student Deadline** for submission of online application, including an upload of either your official or unofficial transcripts from the institution where they are currently enrolled and their most recently attended transfer institution, if applicable. If selected to receive a Gilman Scholarship, you will be required to mail in an official transcript.
- **March 12, 2019: Advisor Deadline** for submission of the online *Study Abroad Advisor* and *Financial Aid Advisor* sections.
- May 2019: All applicants are notified of the status of their application via email directly from Gilman.
- June 2019: Award spring program recipients must accept/decline their award and send in all required documentation.

### Important Reminders

- The essay and Follow-on Service Project Proposal are critical to the application process and allow the Gilman selection committee to learn more about you. It's important to highlight how this opportunity will affect you, so make the most of it! The [University Writing Center](#) is a valuable resource. Use their services to make your thoughts more concise in the essay and follow-on service project proposal.
- Time is of the essence! The Gilman deadlines are important, so be sure to plan ahead with both the Office of International Education and Financial Aid.
- Be patient. The Gilman Committee will not send out notices about the scholarship until July 2019. You will find out if you received the scholarship via e-mail.
- Make sure to use the Gilman website ([www.iie.org/gilman](http://www.iie.org/gilman)) to track updates and learn more about the scholarship.
- Remember you can always contact the Office of International Education with any questions you may have.

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### Additional Resources:

[Gilman Submission Tips](#); [Gilman FAQ](#)

### Competitive Application Tips:

[Gilman's Composing Competitive Essays Video](#)