

## Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship Program

- **Purpose**
  - The Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. citizen, undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies abroad. Such international study is intended to better prepare U.S. students to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world. The program aims to encourage students to choose non-traditional study abroad destinations, especially those outside of Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand.
- **Eligibility Requirements**
  - The applicant must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant or provide proof that he/she will be receiving a Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term of his/her study abroad program or internship.
  - The applicant is applying to or has been accepted into a study abroad program or internship eligible for credit by the student's accredited institution in the U.S.
  - The applicant is studying or interning abroad for at least four weeks (28 days) in one country - or two weeks (14 days) for current community college students - and no more than one academic year. Programs going to more than one country are eligible if the student will be in one country for at least four consecutive weeks.
  - The applicant is studying or interning abroad in any country except Cuba or a country on the U.S. Department of State's current Travel Warning list. Students applying to programs in Mexico may only apply for scholarships to support study in Mexican states where no advisory is in effect on the U.S. Department of State Travel Warning list.
- **Application Process**
  - Students can expect the following requirements throughout the process:
    - Online application including an essay
    - Transcripts for all college coursework
    - Online certifications from the applicant's study abroad and financial aid advisor
  - Spring Program Deadline: Early October
  - Summer Program Deadline: Early March
  - Fall and Year-Long Program Deadline: Early March
- **Selection Process**
  - Applications are reviewed and award letters will be mailed to students December May depending on the cycle applicant is applying for scholarship.
- **Website Link**
  - For more information, visit <http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program>
- **Recent ECU Recipients**
  - Rachel Pak-South Korea (2017)
  - Brianna Biscardi-Panama (2011)
  - Decoda Johnson-Costa Rica (2010)
  - Nicholas Bridgers-Japan (2009)

