Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

Award Details

Emphasis: Academic; Travel

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program aims to diversify the kinds of students who study and intern abroad and the countries and regions where they go by offering awards to U.S. undergraduates who are receiving a Federal Pell Grant at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study abroad and internship programs worldwide. This congressionally funded program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and is administered by the Institute of International Education office in Houston, TX. Scholarships of up to $5,000 are awarded; award amounts will vary depending on the length of study and student need.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- Applicants must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term of program abroad.
- Applicants must apply to or have been accepted into a study abroad program or internship eligible for credit by the student’s accredited institution of higher education in the U.S.
- Applicants from four-year institutions must study for at least four weeks in one country, and applicants from two-year institutions must study for at least two weeks in one country.
- Applicants must study abroad in any country except Cuba or a country in the U.S. Department of State’s current Travel Warning list.

Candidate Profile

Key Characteristics Sought by Review Committee

- Students with high financial need
- Students studying in non-traditional countries, especially those outside of Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand
- Students with diverse ethnic backgrounds
- Students with disabilities

Application

Date Application Available: January; August
Internal Application Due Date: Early February; early September
Final Application Due Date: Early March; early October