

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

## **Gilman International Scholarship Worksheet**

**Purpose:** Benjamin A. Gilman is a scholarship program that intends to diversify the types of students that go abroad as well as diversify the countries where U.S. students participate in study abroad.

## Eligibility:

- United States citizen.
- Be an undergraduate student in good standing.
- Be receiving a Federal Pell Grant or provide proof that he/she will be receiving a Pell Grant during the term of his/her study abroad program or internship.
- Be in the process of applying to, or accepted for, a credit-bearing study abroad or internship program
- Country has a current overall Travel Advisory of Level 1 or 2 (or on an approval) according to the United States Department of State



- Current University Transcript (unofficial is okay). Found in MyJSU
- □ Transfer University transcripts unofficial (if applicable)
- □ Study Abroad Program identified (at least 14 days long and not in a travel warning country)
- □ Statement of Purpose Essay Personalize your application.
  - Why do you wish to study or intern abroad? What factors led you to select this country?
  - How will this study or intern abroad program and the coursework you take abroad impact your academic and future professional goals?
  - Anything interesting on the program? (i.e. home-stays, internships, field research, volunteer activities, extra-curricular activities, etc.).
  - What challenges, if any, did you face in your decision to study or intern abroad? (i.e. being a parent, being a non-traditional student, a learning or physical disability, field of study for which it is difficult to incorporate study abroad, etc.).
- □ Follow-on Service Project Proposal How will you give back by inspiring others to pursue their own abroad experience?

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- Briefly outline your proposed project to promote the Gilman Scholarship and international education.
  What's the impact? What are your project goals?
- What is your target population and how will your project impact this group?
- Who will you work with?
- Deadline October 5, 2023 for early Summer programs (May 2024)

March 2023 for Summer 2023 (Successful applicants receive funds as you are leaving the country)

## GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WORKSHEET

Step 1: Visit https://gilmanapplication.iie.org and create an account

Step 2: Visit <u>www.jsu.edu</u> and go into your MyJSU and print an unofficial transcript

Step 3: Order non-official transcripts from transfer institutions if applicable.

Step 4: Plan out your Essays! Schedule a time to have us look at your essay. We are here to help! Email <a href="mailto:studyabroad@jsu.edu">studyabroad@jsu.edu</a> for a Gilman Essay review.

**ESSAY PLANNING TIPS:** Statement of Purpose: 7000-character limit including spaces. Community Impact Essay: 6000-character limit including spaces. Approximately length of essays 1.5 pages single-spaced. Essays must NOT use **bold** print, <u>underlines</u> or *italics*.

Why do you want to study abroad? What do you hope to gain from it?

Why have you chosen your country of study?

Describe your study abroad program? Any interesting components? Language immersion, home stay, Internship, research, volunteer?

Any challenges faced in your decision to study abroad? First generation? First to study abroad, have a disability, difficult field of study?

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Vividly describe yourself, your passions, what you like to do?

Why is this study abroad going to help you academically and professionally?