

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program

Program Overview, Eligibility, Application



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The Gilman Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

ECA's mission is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchange that assist in the development of peaceful relations.



Gilman Program Highlights

- All Gilman scholars are Pell Grant recipients
- 50% are first-generation college students
- 60% come from small towns or rural communities
- Over 44,000 stellar Gilman alumni
- Over 170 countries of study
- Over 1,386 U.S. colleges and universities represented

Gilman Program Info & Eligibility



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Eligibility

- U.S. citizen or national
- Undergraduate student
- Federal Pell Grant recipient
- Program abroad must be credit-bearing
- Program abroad must be in a country or area with an overall Travel Advisory Level 1 or 2
- **NO minimum program length!**

Gilman-McCain Scholarship

Recipients receive a flat \$5,000 scholarship to study or intern abroad.

Eligibility requirements:

- Must be a child or spousal dependents of active or activated service members.
- **Military personnel must be active or activated during the time of application**

(Including Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy, Navy Reserve, Space Force)



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Gilman-McCain Eligibility Continued:



U.S. citizen or national



Undergraduate student



Program abroad must be credit-bearing



Country or area of study must be a Level 1 or 2 Travel Advisory



NO minimum program length!



Recipient of **any type** of Title IV federal financial aid

Recipients receive all Gilman alumni benefits



Scholarships up to \$5,000 for any term abroad

- Fall
- Spring
- Summer
- Winter or J-term
- Maymester
- Academic Year



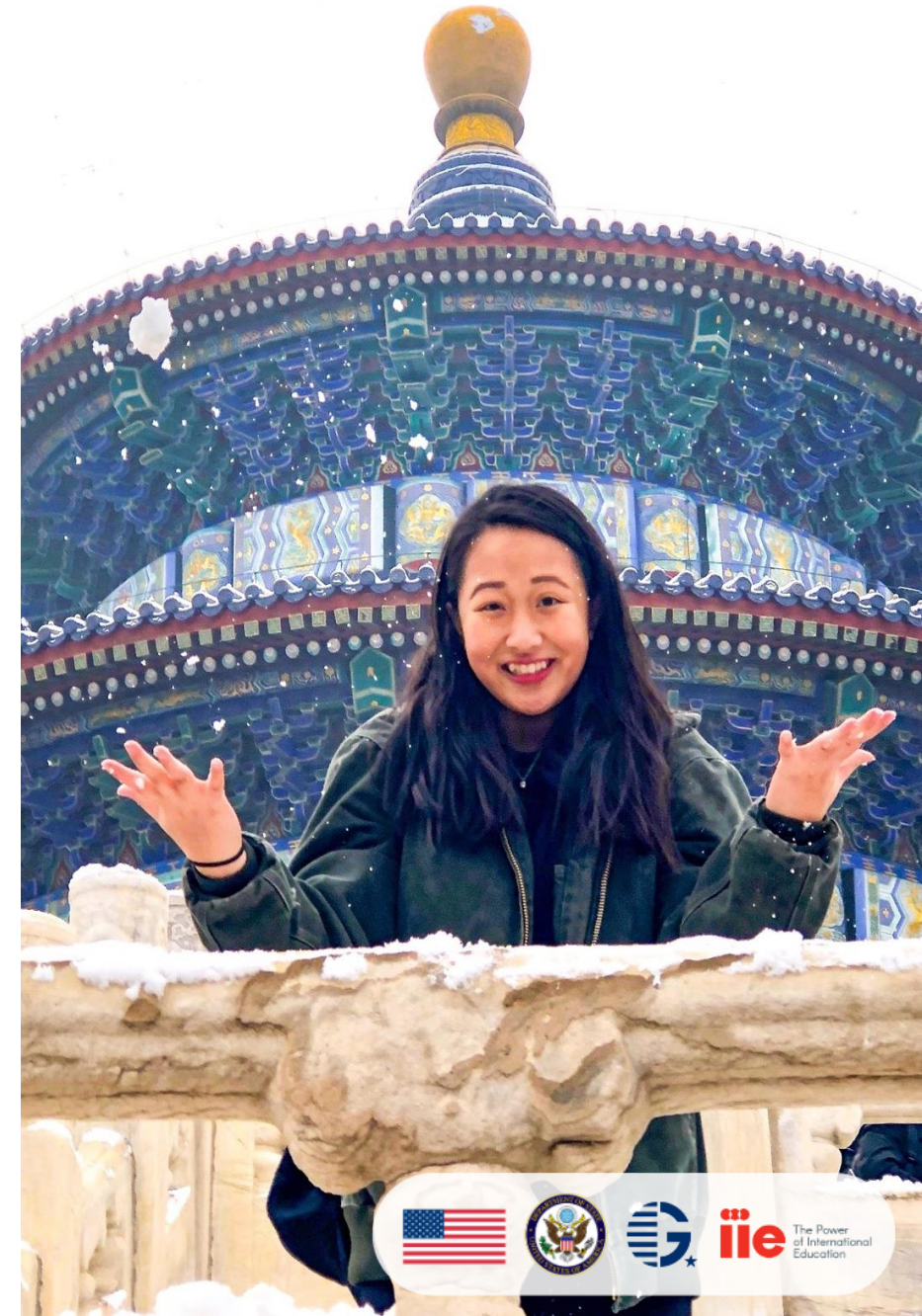
Critical Need Language Award

Up to an additional \$3,000 + access to proficiency testing

- Arabic
- Azerbaijani
- Bahasa Indonesian
- Bangla
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Japanese
- Korean
- Persian
- Portuguese
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Swahili
- Turkish
- Urdu

Studying these languages in sign language is also eligible

Requires an extra essay to be considered



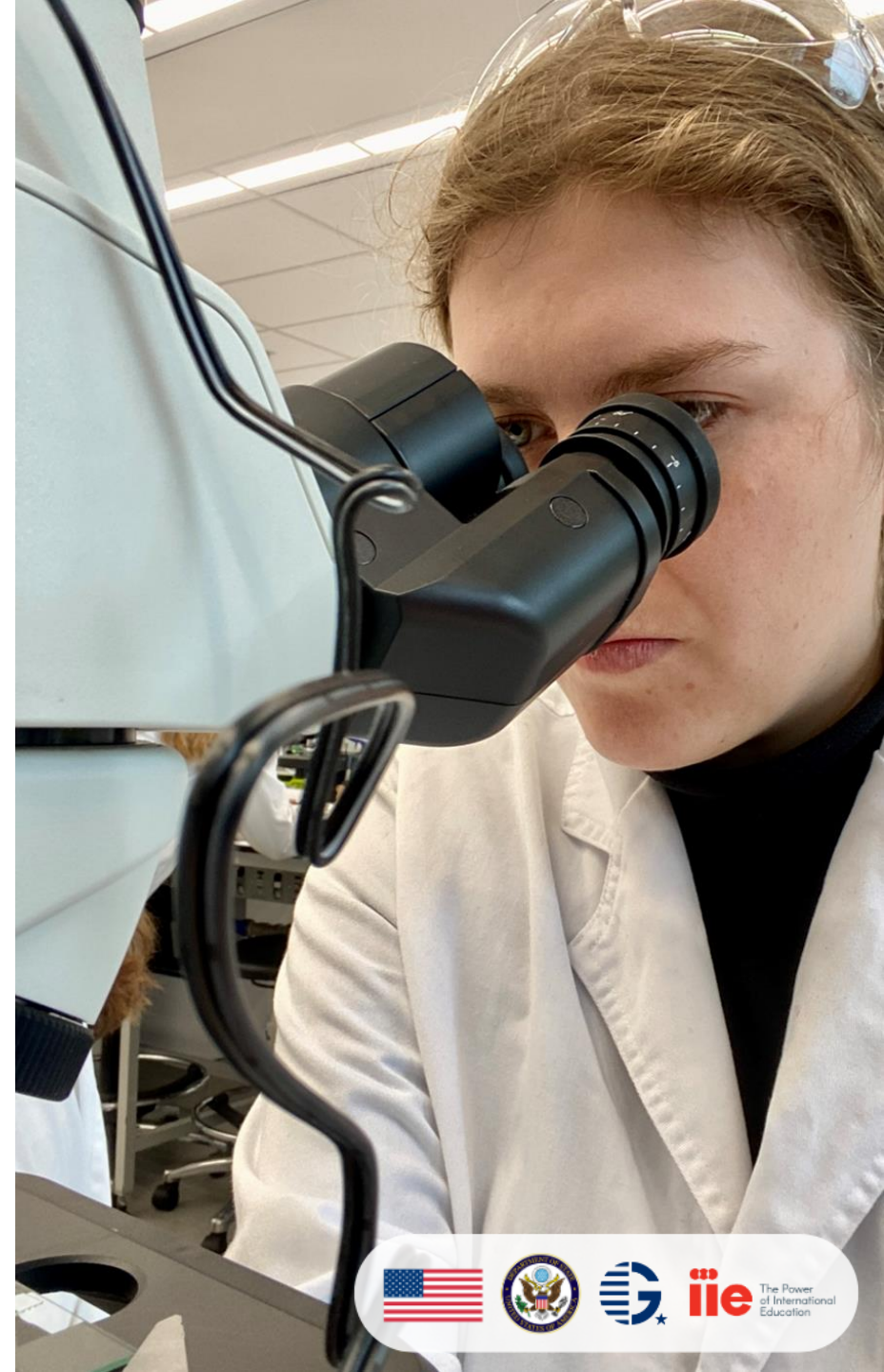
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STEM Supplemental Award

Up to an additional \$1,000 toward STEM research costs

- Allowable expenses may include, but are not limited to:
 - Lab Fees
 - Equipment or gear required to conduct research
 - Fees required to conduct research, such as internet, cell phone, or printing costs
 - Local transportation required to conduct research

Requires an extra essay to be considered



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Gilman Alumni Benefits

- Join a network of over 44,000 stellar Gilman alumni
- Non-competitive eligibility for federal jobs
- Access to the Gilman Scholar Network
- Opportunity to be an Alumni Ambassador
- Opportunities to attend special events, overseas/domestic seminars & workshops
- Opportunity to apply for the Gilman Alumni

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Application



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2 Steps

1

Student Application

- Abroad Program Info
- Essays
- Unofficial Transcript(s)
- Select Advisors

2

Advisor Certification

- Study Abroad Advisor
- Financial Aid Advisor

Essay #1

Required

Max. 7000 Characters

Statement of Purpose

<p>Personal Interview</p>	<p>You + Program + Goals (academic, professional, personal)</p>	<p>Meeting Challenges</p>
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Essay #2

Required

Max. 3000 Characters

Community Impact: Building Mutual Understanding

<p>What it means to be a U.S. Citizen while abroad</p>	<p>How you will seek opportunities to be culturally engaged</p>	<p>Seeking opportunities to have meaningful interactions</p>
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Essay #3

Required

Max. 3000 Characters

Community Impact: Follow-on Service Project Proposal

<p>Being an effective citizen diplomat while abroad</p>	<p>How will you give back by inspiring others to study abroad?</p>	<p>On campus or in home community</p>	<p>Design plan of action (audience, tools, timeline)</p>
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Essay #4

Optional

Max. 2000 Characters

Critical Need Language Award Essay

<p>Is it a critical need language?</p>	<p>Is it predominantly spoken in the country you're going to?</p>	<p>How does it relate to your academic or career goals?</p>	<p>Motivations for improving language proficiency (academic, professional, personal)</p>
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Essay #5

Optional

Max. 2000 Characters

STEM Supplemental Award Essay

<p>Are you conducting STEM research?</p>	<p>Is the STEM research a formalized part of your abroad program?</p>	<p>How does it relate to your academic or career goals?</p>	<p>Motivations for STEM research/field (academic, professional, personal)</p>
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Selection Criteria

Impact of Program & Destination on Student's Academic & Career Trajectory

Community Impact Abroad & Upon Student's Return Home

Academic Preparedness

Commitment to Proficiency in a Critical Need Language or STEM Research

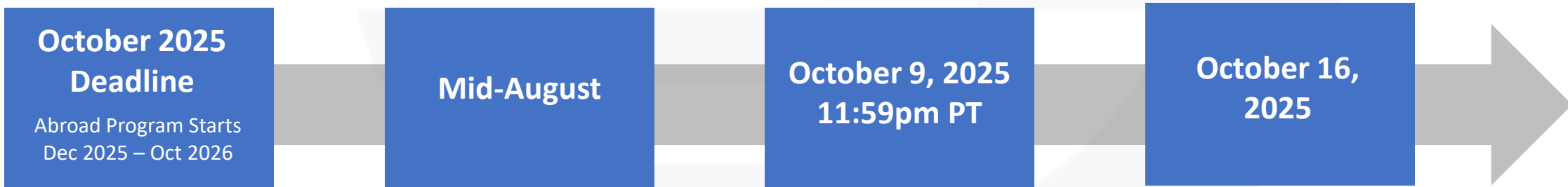
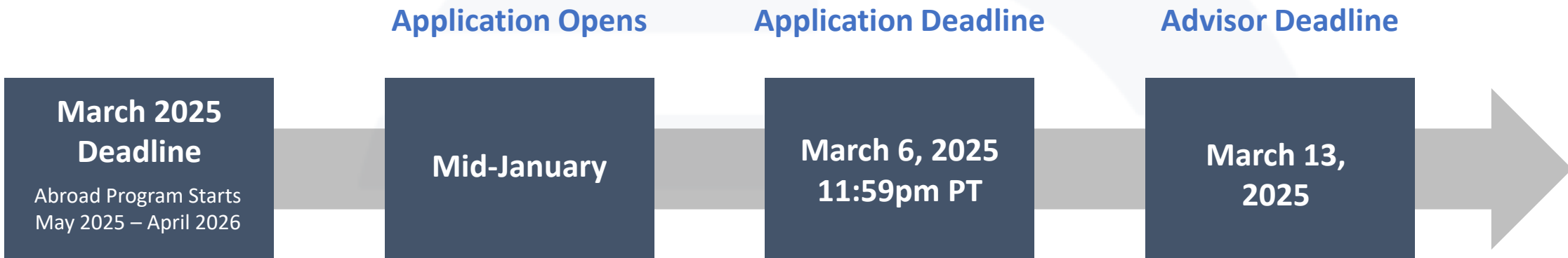


Deadlines & Timeline



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Resources for International Exchange

Other Funding Resources

- Critical Language Scholarship Program
- Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- Boren Scholarships and Fellowships



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