

Gilman Scholarship Information Session

Spring 2021

LUC Fellowship Office



Gilman Scholarships

- Upcoming March 2 deadline for:
 - Summer 2021 programs
 - Fall semester 2021
 - AY 2021-2022
- Up to \$5000 (\$8000 for CLE)



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- Must have two certifications:
 - Office of Financial Aid certification that applicant receives a Pell Grant
 - Dan Matamoros (Gilman panel reader!)
or Ryan Murney
 - Office of International Programs certification of chosen study abroad program
 - Dr. Brian Johnson or Alanna Carroll
- Saved application notifies the advisor



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Fellowship Office is a “non-certifying advisor”

Applicants from LUC receive an email from the Fellowship Office explaining our services
(Lisa Knepshield = Gilman panelist!)

F.O. can see who is awarded a grant
(Annual Report)



Application

- Two essays:
 - Statement of purpose
 - Community Impact: Follow-on service project description
- One official transcript
 - Uploaded into the online application



Essays

- Resources:
 - Gilman website: make sure to review each tab of information, including sections on:
 - Program
 - Application
 - Resources
- Fellowship Office: can read and provide comments on essays



Critical Need Language Award

- Up to \$8000 to study a “critical need” language; [list of languages here](#)
- Separate short essay



“Diversity” in your essays:

- Diversity of applicant: What makes you unique?
- Diversity of program: Outside of Western Europe?
In a STEM field?
- What is the specific reason for the country and program?
(Rome and Vietnam especially important to justify)
- What is the reason for the requested time period?
(summer, semester or academic year?)



Tips from a Gilman panelist:

“Do not talk to us about shopping or sight-seeing! Do not talk to us about how fun the program seems or how you are looking at it as a way to boost your GPA!”



More on content

~~“Research has shown that the best way to learn a language and its culture is through immersive experience.”~~

NO.

Do not speak in general terms like this about the value of study abroad.

State what it means to *you*.



Community Impact essay

- Video uploaded to YouTube = NO
- Poster for the Study Abroad Office = NO
- Presentation (in any media) designed for a specific number of people within a specific time frame = YES
- Getting permission for presentation from said group (school, church, activity host) = MUCH MORE YES



Questions?

Contact us:

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