

How to Apply for Gilman Scholarship for Study Abroad

Or how to make study abroad
affordable to Financial Aid students!

What is the Gilman Scholarship?

- The [Gilman Scholarship](#) is a federally-funded program to support students at 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities to study abroad. Awards of up to \$5,000 are granted to students participating in school-approved programs, depending on the length of study and student financial need. U.S. citizens who are receiving a federal Pell Grant as a part of the federal financial aid award (FAFSA) are eligible to apply.

Who is eligible to apply?

- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, undergraduate, in good academic standing
- 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 of higher education in the U.S.

What Study Abroad Program can I attend?

MiraCosta College offers two options for study abroad each academic year:

Fall semester in London, England

Spring semester in Salamanca, Spain

Both of these programs qualify for the Gilman Scholarship competition.

What do I have to do to apply?

Create and submit an online application. Application requires:

- Two essays
- Upload transcripts from all colleges and universities attended:
 - Current University Transcript: One copy of your official undergraduate transcript from your current college or university. *Your current institution transcript must include your "in progress" term and/or the completed term before your Gilman Application.*
 - Transfer University Transcript(s): One copy of your undergraduate transcripts (either official or unofficial) from any previous institution you have attended listed in your application. *If you were not a "degree seeking student" at an institution, it is not required for you to list this institution in your application or to upload this transcript(s).* (Note: Unofficial transcripts may be issued from your institution or web-based from your student account, but copy and pasted versions are not acceptable).

Deadlines

mid-January 2019	Online application opens for Fall 2019/AY 2019-2020 study abroad programs and internships.
March 5, 2019	Student Deadline for submission of online application, including transcript(s). Must submit application by 11:59pm Central Time.
March 12, 2019	Advisor Deadline for submission of online Study Abroad Advisor and Financial Aid Advisor section.
April/May 2019	Complete Applications are processed and distributed to selection panels for review.
May 2019	All Applicants are notified of the status of their application via email. Study Abroad and Financial Aid Advisors will be notified of scholarship recipients via email. A list of the recipients will be available on the Gilman website.
June 2019	Scholarship recipients must accept/decline their award and submit required documentation.

*Please be aware that the application deadline is in **Central Time**. No exceptions are allowed for late applications, including technical difficulties in uploading documents.

Getting started

To apply for the Gilman International Scholarship, students submit an application through the [Gilman Online Application System](#).

www.iie.org/gilman

Website will ask you to create a login and password. This will start your application.

Program Information

To complete the online Gilman Scholarship application, you need information about the Study Abroad program you are applying for.

Information on MiraCosta study abroad programs

(1) Name of Program:

Semester in London, fall 2019 OR Semester in Spain, spring 2020

(2) Sponsor of Program: Southern California Foothills Consortium

(3) Length of Program: Semester

(4) City/Country: London, United Kingdom OR Seville, Spain

(5) Institution: University of London, Union OR don Quijote Institute

(6) Date of acceptance: write the last day to apply to program

(7) Taking classes in a foreign language: no

Study Abroad Costs

To complete the online Gilman Scholarship application, you need information about the cost of the Study Abroad program

Cost for fall 2019 in London, United Kingdom

<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>Housing with host family</u>	<u>Housing with student apartment</u>
Program Fees	\$ 7,175.00	\$ 8,625.00
round-trip airfare	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
ground transport	incl	incl
Meals ESTIMATED	break incl + 2 meals	3 meals x 72 days
(\$20 per day or \$30 per day)	\$ 2,016.00	\$ 2,880.00
local transportation	incl	incl
Tuition for in-state	\$ 552.00	\$ 552.00
books	\$ 600.00	600
	\$ 11,343.00	\$ 13,657.00

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SAMPLE cost for spring 2019 in Seville, Spain

<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>Housing with host family</u>	<u>Housing with student apartment</u>
Program Fees	\$ 8,895.00	\$ 7,895.00
round-trip airfare	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
ground transport	included with group airfare	included with group airfare
Meals ESTIMATED	<u>Most Meals Included</u>	<u>3 meals x 85 days</u>
(\$10 per day or \$35per day)	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,975.00
local transportation	None	None
Tuition for in-state	\$ 552.00	\$ 552.00
books	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
TOTAL COSTS FOR SCHL	\$ 11,897.00	\$ 13,337.00

Essays

- Gilman requires two different essays.
- Limited to 7,000 characters (including spaces) per essay. This limit is approximately 1.5 pages, single-spaced in a word processing program.
- When you are ready to transfer your essays to your application make sure to double check your essays for the possibility of being cut off due to exceeding character limit. Additionally, do not format (i.e. bold, underline, italics) your essays in the word processing program because your formatting will not be retained upon transferring. We have provided limited formatting to reconstruct your essays once you have pasted them into the text boxes in the online application.
- [Videos](#) show how to compose a competitive essay, that will help you throughout the application process.

Statement of Purpose Essay

- Be sure to address all 6 questions requested in Statement of Purpose
- Be as specific as possible to YOUR personal situation and reasons for selecting the study abroad program. Make sure you include information on how the program enhances your academic goals and professional goals.
- Avoid statements EVERYONE can write. *IDEA*: “I have always wanted to travel.” *TRY*: “I have lived my whole life in Vista, California and I have never had a chance to live in new city or put myself into a new culture. “
- Scholarship looking for NON-TRADITIONAL study abroad students. Emphasize your unique background, limited travel experience, specific obstacles you have overcome to attend college and study abroad.
- Be sure to include that you attend a COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Statement of Purpose Essay Questions

1. **Why** do you wish to study or intern abroad and what factors led you to this decision? What do you **hope to gain from** and what do you anticipate will be the impact of your experience abroad? What **impact will my choice of country** have on my experience abroad?
2. **Describe** your study or intern abroad program. What factors led you to select this program and length of study?
3. Why have you chosen your **country of study**? What factors led you to select this country? What initially inspired me to want to study abroad in this particular country or learn this language? What **factors led to my choice** of country of study?
4. How will this study or intern abroad program and the coursework you take abroad **impact** your **academic and future professional goals**?
5. Are there any **distinctive components to this program**, beyond coursework, that will impact your overall learning experience abroad? (i.e. home-stays, internships, field research, volunteer activities, extra-curricular activities, etc.)
6. What **challenges**, if any, did you face in your decision to study or intern abroad? How did you meet these challenges and what impact do you foresee them having on your experience abroad? These could include, but are not limited to, **being a parent, being a non-traditional student, having a learning or physical disability, being in a field of study for which it is difficult to incorporate study abroad, etc.**
- 7.

Follow on Project Essay

Design a project you will complete if you receive a scholarship that will promote the Gilman Scholarship and study abroad on your home campus or in your community.

- Think about what got you to consider study abroad. What students at college are missing this information?
- Projects need to be clear, thought-out, and able to be completed in about one semester.
- Write about who the targeted audience will be.
- Does not need to be complicated. Think about something you can do that will make an impact on getting new students to study abroad.

Next Steps

(1) Start your application

(2) Begin writing essays

- Copy questions from essay prompt
- Write down responses.
- Make an appointment with Mia at the International Office to review the first draft

(3) Collect and upload transcript(s)

(4) Have essays reviewed for grammar and content.