

MSU COB Student
Gilman Scholarship Application Guide
International Business Programs

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance for the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship process, including the essay prompts.

Mission of the Gilman Program:

- Develop a generation of future American leaders who represent the rich diversity of the nation and have the international networks and skills to advance U.S. national security and economic prosperity.
- Expand the U.S. student population that studies and interns abroad, helping more young Americans to gain the professional skills, language abilities, and knowledge of the world needed for successful careers.
- Broaden the destinations where U.S. students study and intern abroad, in order to build relationships, foster mutual understanding, and represent American culture and values, including in developing countries and countries critical to U.S. national security.

Application Tips:

Start your Gilman Scholarship application [here](#).

The application deadline is listed on the Gilman website. Please be aware that the application deadline is Pacific Time and take into consideration any time difference as you prepare to submit your application.

If an applicant is not selected for the first cycle (October/March), they may re-apply for the next cycle as long as they continue to meet the eligibility requirements and their program or internship falls within the start dates of that cycle.

You must have your cost sheet approved and uploaded to your MSU Education Abroad application one week prior to the deadline in order for the IBP Director to certify your application.

College of Business students should list Mary Tomerlin, Director of International Business Programs, as their Study Abroad Advisor on the application.

You must complete your application through the online portal.

The John S. McCain International Scholarship for Military Families [Gilman-McCain Scholarship](#) is separate from the [Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship](#), so you may apply for both.

Writing Tips

1. Use the essay prompts to get the words on the page.
2. The purpose of the follow-on project is to spread awareness about the Gilman Program and education abroad in general. Be realistic and propose a project that you will actually follow through on. You will be required to follow-up through the Gilman portal upon return from your education abroad program.
3. First drafts are a starting point – don't submit a first draft if you can avoid it.
4. Use the character counter in Microsoft Word to ensure you stay below the maximum character count on each essay.
5. Write your first draft and review the following day. Make your own edits, then ask a trusted classmate, professor, or the [MSU Writing Center](#) to read your drafts and work through them with you.
6. After someone else has helped you with your writing, you may send them to the IBP Director for a special Gilman review. **If you want the IBP Director to review prior to submission, you must send them at least one week prior to the deadline, to allow time to read and provide feedback before the deadline.**