

How to Apply for Gilman Scholarship for Study Abroad

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

Where to find \$ for Study Abroad

Federal Financial Aid

Apply for Federal Financial Aid:
<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Add Citrus College Code to your FAFSA account, 001166.



Are you a U.S. citizen and awarded a Pell Grant in your Federal Financial Aid?
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Up to \$5,000 for a semester study abroad



Scholarships

MiraCosta Scholarships

www.miracosta.edu/scholarships

Available to continuing MiraCosta students. MiraCosta foundation scholarships awarded every spring semester. Due middle of March. Other scholarships available year round. Check out the **MiraCosta College Wright Smith Family Study Abroad Scholarship**

[AIFS Program Ambassador Scholarship](#)
(flyer)

Five \$1,000 scholarships available to students who qualify for the Semester in Spain program.

Other scholarships

www.miracosta.edu/iip

Find links to outside scholarships on the MiraCosta *study abroad announcement page*.

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

Spring semester in 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.*
 - * *Previous college/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 - August

Online application opens for Fall 2016/AY 2016-2017 study abroad programs and internships.

October 3, 2017*

Student Deadline for submission of online application, including transcript(s). Must submit application by 11:59pm Central Time.

October 10, 2017

Advisor Deadline for submission of online Study Abroad Advisor and Financial Aid Advisor section.

October/Nov 2017

Complete Applications are processed and distributed to selection panels for review.

November 2017

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.

Dec 2017/Jan 2018

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 Spain, spring 2018 (or next semester Semester in London, fall 2018)

(2) Sponsor of Program: Southern California Foothills Consortium

(3) Length of Program: Semester

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

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

(6) Date of acceptance: write the last day to apply to program (November 22, 2017)

(7) Taking classes in a foreign language: no

Study Abroad Costs

Gilman Scholarship asks students to estimate total cost of program to include room, board and educational expenses.

Cost for fall 2017 in London, England

	Host Family	Student Apartment
Program Fees	\$ 7,345.00	\$8,725.00
round-trip airfare	\$902.00	\$902.00
ground transport	incl	incl
Meals (<i>estimated</i>)	break incl. + 2 meals	3 meals x 72 days
	\$2,100.00	\$2,880.00
local transportation	incl	incl
in-state tuition and fees	\$ 552.00	\$552.00
Textbooks (<i>estimated</i>)	\$ 300.00	\$300.00
	\$11,919.00	\$13,659.00

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Estimated Costs for the Semester in Spain 2018

EXPENSE	Housing with host family	Housing with student apartment
Program Fees	\$ 8,170.00	\$ 7,675
round-trip airfare (est)	\$ 1,343	\$1,343
ground transport	included	Included
Meals ESTIMATED (\$10 per day or \$30 per day)	most meals included	3 meals per day x 84 days
	\$ 1000	\$ 2600
local transportation	None	None
Tuition for in-state	\$552.00	\$ 552.00
books	\$300	\$300
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	\$ 11,205	\$12,450

Essays

- * Compose in Word before copying into online application – paragraph format
- * Character limit: 7,000 characters (*including spaces*) per essay. This limit is approximately 1.5 pages, single-spaced in a word processing program
- * Very important for scholarship selection: carefully review your essay and make sure you have it proof-read before submitting.

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 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

Statement of Purpose Six Questions

- * **Why** do you wish to study or intern abroad and **what factors led** you to this decision?
- * **Describe** your study or intern abroad program. What factors led you to select this program and length of study?
- * **Why have you chosen your country** of study? 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**?
- * 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.)
- * **What challenges, if any, did you face in your decision** to study or intern abroad?

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.
- * Decide 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.
- * Be creative! The most competitive applications are those with unique, well-thought-out essays.

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.