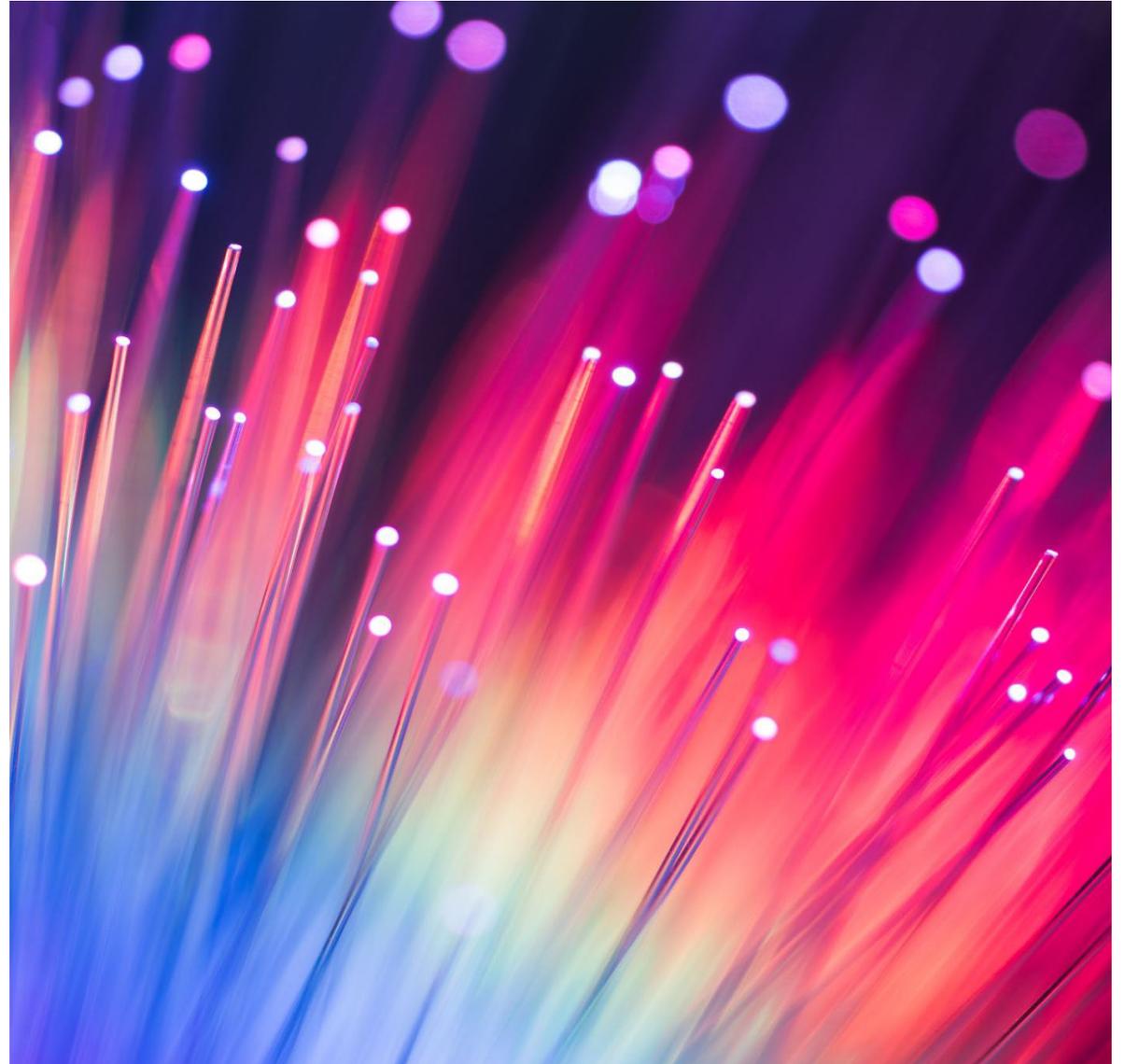


THE GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP  
FOR STUDY ABROAD

MORE THAN 3,000  
SCHOLARSHIPS OF  
UP TO \$5,000 EACH  
ARE AWARDED EVERY  
YEAR, HELPING  
STUDENTS WITH LIMITED  
FUNDS TO STUDY  
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SCHOLARSHIPS.

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# AWARDS CAN BE USED FOR PROGRAM FEES, TUITION, ROOM AND BOARD, AND TEXTBOOKS.

Local transportation, insurance, international airfare, and cost of a U.S. passport are not covered by the Gilman scholarship.



# GILMAN APPLICANTS MUST BE...



- Citizens of the United States
- Undergraduates in good standing at an accredited US college or university
- **Current recipients of a Federal Pell Grant** or students **who will be receiving a Pell Grant** during their study abroad
- Students in the process of applying, or already accepted to, a credit-bearing study abroad program or virtual international program with a Travel Advisory Level 1 or 2 in the [U.S. Department of State's Travel Advisory System](#).

# WHY TRY FOR A GILMAN?

**This scholarship prioritizes community college students** over university students. You're first in line!

**There's no need to collect letters of recommendation.** Three short essays are all you'll need to apply, and MiraCosta staff will assist you through the entire process.



# HOW TO APPLY FOR THE GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP

## STEP #1

Choose an academic study abroad program, such as Spring 2023 in Madrid, Spain, Summer 2023 in Costa Rica, ITALY or Fall 2023 in Rome, Italy

## STEP #2

Create an online account at the Gilman Scholarship portal

## STEP #3

Prepare application essays with guidance from the MiraCosta International Office/Study Abroad advisor and Writing Center staff

## STEP #4

Upload electronic transcripts (official or unofficial) from colleges and universities you've attended

# WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR THE GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP?

## For Summer Study Abroad

- TWO options to apply:
  - First week in October
  - First week in March

## For Fall Study Abroad

- TWO options to apply:
  - First week in October
  - First week in March

## For Spring Study Abroad

- TWO options to apply:
  - First week in March
  - First week in October



# APPLICATION ESSAYS: OVERVIEW

## Statement of Purpose

Explains how study abroad supports your academic and career goals and how the program might affect your future.

## Building Mutual Understanding

Describes how you will represent the United States as a citizen- diplomat and how you can build cross-cultural relationships through the program.

## Service Project Proposal

Outlines a project you can complete AFTER your international experience to promote study abroad and the Gilman Scholarship.



# ESSAY #1: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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About 1 1/2 pages

Describe your ACADEMIC and CAREER goals. How is study abroad directly related to these goals? How will a study abroad experience impact your future?

Think about the challenges of studying abroad. How will you maintain focus on your academic and career goals during the program? What experiences, skills, and knowledge can you use to meet these challenges?

STEP #1: Email draft responses to the International Office at [iip@miracosta.edu](mailto:iip@miracosta.edu)

STEP #2: Meet with study abroad advisor to discuss and develop essay contents

STEP #3: Revise and edit essay with MiraCosta Writing Center staff

# ESSAY #2: BUILDING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

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Less than 1 page

Explain how you will represent the United States as a citizen-diplomat traveling abroad. How will you build meaningful, friendly relationships with people in the host nation? How will you increase your knowledge of cultures other than your own?

STEP #1: Attend a Study Abroad information meeting or watch a recorded presentation to learn how programs provide opportunities for meaningful interaction with local cultures.

STEP #2: Discuss your thoughts with a study abroad advisor and email ideas to [iip@miracosta.edu](mailto:iip@miracosta.edu)

STEP #3: Develop and polish final essay with MiraCosta Writing Center staff

# ESSAY #3: SERVICE PROJECT PROPOSAL

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Less than 1 page

Describe a project you will undertake to inspire other students to study abroad and to promote the Gilman Scholarship. Who is the intended audience for the project, and who would you like to collaborate with to accomplish it? How might your study abroad experience be part of this project?

STEP #1: Choose a student group you would like to encourage to participate in a study abroad program.

STEP #2: Meet with study abroad advisor to discuss your proposal, and email your ideas to [iip@miracosta.edu](mailto:iip@miracosta.edu).

STEP #3: Develop and refine your essay with MiraCosta Writing Center staff.

MORE QUESTIONS?

READY TO GET  
STARTED?

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