Study Abroad Scholarships Workshop
Spring 2021

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Prof. Tomonori Nagano, Associate Professor & Coordinator of Modern Languages Program
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01. Introduction

Introduction of the presenters
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Tell us who you are and why you are at this workshop. Link to the Google Doc: https://bit.ly/38RBtrH
Use your cellphone or open a new browser window on your computer.
Go to https://kahoot.it and type the Game PIN (9136995)
Type in your name and wait for the game begins.
The questions appear on Zoom and you respond on your cellphone/browser.
Study Abroad Program .02

About study abroad programs at CUNY
What is Study Abroad?

- Students taking a course overseas in a preferred subject that they can later transfer to their transcript back home.

- Physical travel to another country. Usually in the winter semester (2-3 weeks) or summer (3-6 weeks)

- Students usually travel with a group leader and a group of other students (cohort).

- Study abroad packages vary but they typically include health/travel insurance, housing costs, some meals (example: breakfast) and some group excursions.

- CUNY tuition applies to overseas classes.
Impact of COV1D-19 on Study Abroad

- CUNY is most likely to resume study abroad in Winter 2022

  HOWEVER

- Applications can be very time consuming, so gathering information and getting an early start will give you an advantage.
CUNY Programs

LaGuardia students can participate in most of the study abroad programs at CUNY campuses
Which Country Are You Interested in Going to?
Explore CUNY Study Abroad Programs

CUNY Study Abroad covers about 140 cities in 51 different countries. Here are a few helpful links for you to begin exploring:

- Global CUNY
- Queens College, City University of New York
- Study-Abroad Programs at John Jay College
- Welcome to the Office of Education Abroad at Hunter College
- Lehman Study Abroad Programs
- Study Abroad Programs | Brooklyn College
- Study Abroad | Center for Global Engagement | CSI CUNY Website
Finding the program that is right for you:

- Real examples of CUNY programs:
  1. Berlin: German Language and Culture (FUBIS)
  2. Brooklyn-Korea University of Media Arts
  4. Peru: Cross Cultural Health Education in Peru and the US
  5. Spain: Global Intersections: Language, Migration, Citizenship and Gender in Barcelona
  7. Morocco: Intensive Arabic
  8. Italy: Art and Architecture in Florence and Tuscany
  9. Italy: Digital Photography in Florence
  10. Italy: Lifetime, Nutrition, Wellness, and Physical Activity
  11. Japan: Tokyo Lights Creative Writing Seminar
After you have identified programs of interest:

- Schedule a meeting with the head of your department (or concentration) to get feedback and see how a study abroad program may be applied to your degree.
CUNY-based Study Abroad Programs

LaGuardia students can participate in study abroad programs hosted by any CUNY campus (via e-permit)

*Things to Look For:*

- Credit-bearing programs are ideal
- A relatively straightforward registration process

*Things to Keep in Mind:*

- e-permit may not grant credits required for your major (you may receive elective credits instead)
- Home campus students may have priority over e-permit students
General Application Process

Each program requires different application materials, but you typically need:

- Application Form
- Personal statement: A personal statement might be a 1- to 2-page essay explaining why you wish to join this program and what contribution it will make to your education.
- Transcript (a minimum 2.5 GPA is usually required)
- Recommendation letter from one faculty member
- Disciplinary and financial good standing (i.e., no hold)
- Interview (optional)
- Deposit (usually $50-$100)
All study abroad programs (except for those to U.S. territories such as Puerto Rico) require a passport or, in the case of DACA students, advance parole. See Immigration Policy Changes Information – The City University of New York
Some Destinations also Require a VISA

A VISA is a pre-approval. Whether you need a pre-approval depends on what type of passport you have.
Use the link below to see if you need a VISA to travel to your destination

Henley Passport Index 2006 to 2021
Listen to other CUNY students talk about their study abroad experiences
Are You Interested in *Virtual* Study Abroad Opportunities?

Some CUNY campuses are offering remote course credit and internships at overseas companies NOW.

Study Abroad Programs | Brooklyn College
Sounds like a lot of money. How am I going to pay for this?
Study Abroad Scholarships .03

About the study abroad programs at CUNY
Timeframe of the Study Abroad Scholarships and Study Abroad Programs

October
- Many study abroad scholarships have early deadlines in October (for the next summer)

January-March
- Deadlines for the study abroad scholarship are in January through March

April-May
- Making travel arrangements (passport, visa, insurance, packing, etc.)
- The deadline for CUNY-based study abroad programs for summer is March 15
- All CUNY-based study abroad programs will have a pre-departure orientation

March 15
- Early Summer or Winter
Two Different Scholarship Types

- Need-based Scholarships
  - Pell, TAP, Excelsior
  - LaGuardia Foundation Scholarship

- Merit-based Scholarships
  - Fulbright
  - Gilman Scholarship
  - Critical Language Scholarship
  - Boren Scholarship etc.
How Much Does a Summer (1-month) Study Abroad Cost?
The cost varies depending on the destination and your lifestyle, but here is a rough estimate:

- Tuition & Fees: $1,000 - $2,000 (may be covered by the Pell etc)
- Airfare: Vary, but in the range of $500-$2,000
- Room & Board: Vary, but in the range of $1,500-$3,000
- Local trips: $0-$500
- Personal expenses: $1,000-$2,000 (or more)
- Application/Program fee: $50-$500
- Insurance: $50-$500
- Logistics (e.g., passport): $0-$300
### Overview of National Study Abroad Scholarships

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<td>1 semester to 1 year</td>
<td>1 month (e.g., summer)</td>
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<td><strong>Award</strong></td>
<td>$10,000</td>
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<td>All expenses are covered</td>
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<td><strong>Deadline</strong></td>
<td>February</td>
<td>October &amp; March</td>
<td>November</td>
<td>March</td>
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<td><strong>Difficulty</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Note</strong></td>
<td>No LaGuardia student has received it. (cf. Fulbright)</td>
<td>Many LaGuardia students received it (acceptance rate: 57%). Also see Gilman-McCain Scholarship.</td>
<td>Very competitive, but a few LaGuardia students received it in the past 5 years.</td>
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GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Over 3,600 scholarships of up to $5,000 will be awarded this academic year for U.S. citizen undergraduates to study or intern abroad.

EXPANDINGBOUNDARIES.ORG
Benjamin Gilman Scholarship

- **Description:** Funding for an undergraduate study abroad experience of at least 28 days in-country.
- **Purpose:** “to enables students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad, thereby gaining skills critical to our national security and economic competitiveness”
- **Eligibility:**
  - Must be U.S. citizens
  - Must be a current recipient of the Federal Pell Grant
  - Must receive academic credits at LaGuardia
- **Awards:** up to $5,000 for a semester study abroad
- **Deadlines:** October 2020 and March 2021 for Summer 2021 and Winter 2022
Benjamin Gilman Scholarship

Student Deadline: Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Application Opens
Mid-January 2021

Student Deadline
March 2, 2021
11:59pm PT

Advisor Certification Deadline
March 9, 2021
11:59pm PT

Email Notification
End of April 2021

Eligible Programs: In-person and virtual programs that start between May 1, 2021, and April 30, 2022
Terms Accommodated: Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Fall 2021, and Academic Year 2021-2022
Benjamin Gilman Scholarship

up to $5,000

57%

LaGuardia’s acceptance rate is 57% as of Fall 2019 (the national average is 25-30%)
Benjamin Gilman Scholarship: Past recipients

- Joey Fernandez ($4,500 for Morocco / Summer 2017)
- Soleil Griffin ($2,500 for France / Summer 2017)
- Catherine Leon ($1,000 for France / Summer 2017)
- Telijah Patterson ($5,000 for China / Summer 2018)
- Jham Valenzuela ($3,500 for China / Summer 2018)
- Shannel Brown ($5,000 for Rwanda / Summer 2018)
- Dennys Paulino ($2,500 for South Korea / Summer 2018)
- Felicia Quesada ($4,500 for Australia / Spring 2019)
Benjamin Gilman Scholarship: Essays

- 3 (or 4) essays are required.
  See [https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/applicants/essays/](https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/applicants/essays/) for more info.

- **Statement of Purpose Essay**
- **2 Community Impact Essays**
  - Building Mutual Understanding Essay
  - Follow-on Service Project Proposal
- **Critical Need Language Award Essay**
  - For Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bahasa Indonesian, Bangla, Chinese (Mandarin), Hebrew, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu
Benjamin Gilman Scholarship: Essays

1. Statement of Purpose Essay (7,000 character [1-2 pages] limit)
   ❑ How will studying or interning abroad help you achieve your future academic or professional goals?
   ❑ Why did you select your specific program and host country?
   ❑ How are you academically prepared to be a successful scholar abroad? If you have faced significant academic difficulties, tell us about those and how you are overcoming them.
   ❑ What examples of knowledge, skills, and experiences will you draw on to meet the challenges of going abroad?
(3,000 character [1 page] limit):

- Gilman Scholars represent the United States as citizen diplomats in their host communities; they reflect a diversity of values, beliefs, and opinions that is fundamental to providing a balanced representation of the United States abroad. Gilman Scholars are expected to contribute to the goal of building mutual understanding by sharing what it means to be an American, learning about the host culture, and building meaningful relationships. (max of 3000 characters)

- As a U.S. citizen, how will you represent and share what it means to be an American during your program? How will you seek opportunities to become more culturally engaged and have meaningful interactions with people and cultures different from your own during your abroad program?
3. Community Impact Essay 2: Follow-on Service Project Proposal
(3,000 character [1 page] limit)

- Gilman Scholars are expected to complete the Follow-on Service Project which is to increase awareness of study abroad and the Gilman Scholarship among their peers in their home or campus communities. (max of 3000 characters)

- In no particular order, describe your Follow-on Service Project in more detail: What is your project and how will it increase awareness of study abroad and the Gilman Program among your peers in your home or campus community? Identify and explain why you chose the specific community you will be reaching. How will you integrate the impact of your experience abroad into your project? With which campus departments, student organizations, or community organizations will you collaborate?
4. Critical Need Language Award Essay (2,000 character [1 page] limit)

- What are your motivations for improving your language proficiency academically, professionally, and personally?
- How do you intend to improve your language skills while studying abroad? How will you increase your proficiency in the language inside and outside of the classroom setting?
- How do you intend to use the language after you study abroad, and how will the Critical Need Language Award prepare you for this?
- If you plan to study in a country where the language does not appear in the list above, what are the benefits of and resources for studying abroad in your proposed country?
Benjamin Gilman Scholarship: Essays

General Advice

1. Focus on one specific theme (e.g., diversity, ancestry connection, specific cultural interest such as architecture, films, literature etc.)
2. Never use hyperboles such as "This study abroad will change my life", “I've dreamt of going to [PLACE] since my childhood" etc.
3. Connect your essay with your own life experience. Introduce who you are as part of your statement of purpose.
4. Edit and proofread.
5. Have someone read your draft essay. Gather feedback from as many people as possible.
6. Follow the word count limit and the deadline.
Benjamin Gilman Scholarship: Essays

Powerful application essays will convince the panel of reviewers.

Ask your professors for help with editing. Or contact us.
Benjamin Gilman Scholarship: Popular destinations last October -

Out of 1000+ applications:

South Korea 185
United Kingdom 182
Spain 171
Japan 139
Italy 124
France 114
Study Abroad Scholarship Database

- Study Abroad Scholarships Recommended by CUNY
  https://www1.cuny.edu/sites/global/students/financing-your-trip/national-and-local-scholarships

- Institute of International Education (IIE) Scholarship Database
  https://www.iie.org/en/Programs
Until traditional study abroad resumes, you may be interested in taking a COIL class at LaGuardia. These designated classes are available right now and do not cost anything extra!
The following Spring I 2021 courses will include virtual collaborative projects with classes in other countries. To learn more, please contact Professor Olga Aksakalova at oaksakalova@lagcc.cuny.edu.

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