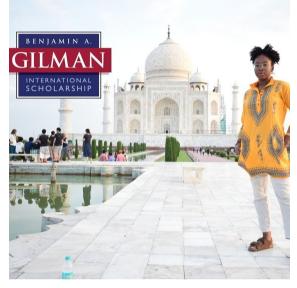


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# 🔳 WHAT'S NEW IN Study Abroad? 🛪





### **GILMAN AND GILMAN-MCCAIN SCHOLARSHIPS - DEADLINE TO APPLY IS TODAY!**

Interested in studying or interning abroad, but not sure how you'll fund it? The deadline is nearly here for The Gilman Scholarship, which provides awards of up to \$5,000 for students receiving Pell Grants to study or intern abroad on credit-bearing programs. The Gilman-McCain Scholarship provides awards of up to \$5,000 for child dependents of active duty service members to study or intern abroad. Whether you've been working on your application for months or just started today - make sure to complete everything by the deadline tonight to be considered!

Exciting news for all the Gilman applicants - Gilman has recently updated their disbursement policy allowing students to receive funding even if their intended program is within a State Department Travel Advisory Level 3 or higher so long as it is on Gilman's Eligible Locations List. Recipients intending to go on programs within those countries will receive funding and be considered "Gilman Recipients", but will not be eligible to be Gilman Scholars and receive the additional alumni benefits, including Non-Competitive Eligibility for Federal Employment. Nevertheless, this is an exciting development for Gilman applicants to programs around the world still in high travel advisory levels due to COVID.

For more information and assistance completing your application, reach out to Piper in the GW Office for Study Abroad.

The deadline to apply is TODAY, March 1, 2022 at 11:59pm Pacific Time (i.e. March 2, 2:59AM EST)!

Don't Miss Out - Finish Your App Today!

## APPLY TO BE NGO YOUTH REP





NAFSA: Association of International Educators' United Nations Member Interest Group (UN MIG) is accepting applications for undergrad/ graduate students to work as a NAFSA youth representative at the UN. This is a volunteer unpaid position for students who are especially interested in global affairs/NGOs/higher education. NGO youth reps work in collaboration with 2 other NAFSA university designated representatives at the UN to help further the team's mission of fostering global citizens by providing opportunities for youth to engage with the UN's global agenda. This involves assisting the

NAFSA UN team with organizing events to engage youth with the NGO/UN community, assisting with UN visits, attending high-level UN events, participating in International Day of Peace, UN Academic Impact Initiative events and more. In past, we have helped plan the UN's first International Education Day at the UN. Youth delegates will have a UN NGO badge to enter the UN and will have the best experiential learning opportunity to observe the work of the UN and its NGOs.

#### How to Apply: Applications should be submitted electronically to: nafsayouthrep@gmail.com

NAFSA's United Nations Member Interest Group is also excited to launch a mini-course, designed to introduce students to the world of the United Nations (UN). It has been developed for graduate and undergraduate students to gain a deeper understanding of the structure and mission of the UN and learn how local and global NGOs (like NAFSA) and young people engage with the UN. This course is divided into interrelated modules that cover important topics and each module includes content such as readings, videos, PowerPoint presentations, discussion boards, and assignments. In addition, this course offers participants special access to attend monthly UN virtual events including high-level events, NGO briefings, and youth-only events. Students taking this course will have a chance to submit content to be published on our NAFSA UN MIG Blog, which can be found here. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to get more informed and involved with the UN/NGO world.

Find Out More Information on Being a Rep





## **BE MINDFUL OF UPCOMING** DEADLINES

March is an important month for program application deadlines. Many of our most popular programs have deadlines throughout this month. It is important to remember that deadlines vary from program to program and you should mark your calendars for all the individual deadlines of the programs you've applied to! Take this opportunity now to check out your GW Passport applications and make note of your program deadlines. The last thing you'd want to do is miss a chance at an amazing experience! Double check on GW Passport now!

Sign In & Check Deadlines on GW Passport

# 🛪 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT 🌌

Showcasing the very best in OSA-approved programs and study abroad scholarship programs

#### **GW EXCHANGE - UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA**

Want to tap into your Spanish language skills and immerse yourself into the rich culture of northern Spain? The GW exchange - University of Navarra program is perfect for students seeking a highly immersive program in Spain. Students may take courses in over 40 major fields with well-regarded faculty, meet students from around the world, take part in on-campus activities, and travel throughout Spain with the assistance of the international office.



Situated in the southeast corner of Pamplona, the University of Navarra offers top-notch facilities and libraries, with sports fields, unique restaurants,

stores, cafés, and more nearby. While exchange students are encouraged to meet Spanish students in their classes and residences, the university also offers a club for international students with activities at orientation and throughout the semester, including excursions, social outings, and paella tastings. Exchange students can also be paired with a Spanish language partner, giving you the opportunity to further develop your Spanish language skills and make friends with the local students.

Interested in applying? Applications due on March 20, 2022 for the upcoming Fall and Academic Year.

Learn More & Apply Now before 3/20



Events this spring 2022 semester will be a combination of virtual, WebEx events, and in-person events. Check out the links below to view all events and register for online events (registration required).

Check out the Events this Spring

## - MARCH EVENTS -

### EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRANSFER CREDIT

Note: Attending one of these sessions is required for all Fall/AY 2022 Applicants and this will be the FINAL SESSION offered this semester

First and foremost, study abroad is an academic experience! You'll want to be preparing for that academic component early and making sure you know how the courses will transfer back to GW! With early planning, you can ensure a seamless experience and continuation of your GW degree. Join us for this in depth session on everything you need to know about the transfer credit process to make your time abroad fit perfectly into your degree plan! We'll be going over how to search for classes on your program, how to submit courses for approval in GW CATs or search for pre-approved courses, and what common missteps to be aware of and avoid in the process.

We will also be joined by representatives from the academic schools at GW to discuss potential next steps required upon return from abroad to ensure your credits transfer correctly! RSVP with the link below.

<u>RSVP for March 7, 2:30-3:30</u>

### **AFFINITY-BASED EVENTS**

The Office for Study Abroad is offering a variety of affinity-based events for underrepresented groups in study abroad including panel discussions about revelant topics and considerations. Check out this month's offerings!

- <u>RSVP to Being Black Abroad on March 7 from 4-5pm</u>
- <u>RSVP to Studying STEM Abroad on March 30 from 4-5pm</u>

# 📲 STAFF & RETURNEE SPOTLIGHT 🛹

#### **MEET HANNA YALEW**

#### **GW MADRID, FALL 2021**

"Studying abroad allowed me to travel the world and immerse myself in different cultures in ways I never thought possible. I studied in Madrid, Spain where I lived with my host mom and two host brothers. I took classes both in Spanish and English and had the opportunity to engage with the community around me and significantly increase my fluency in Spanish. While there, I also took a Flamenco class in the culturally-rich city center of Madrid as part of my studies in which the whole class was conducted in Spanish. My advice to individuals studying abroad is don't fear the unknown, ask questions, and immerse yourself



into the culture as much as possible. By doing this, I experienced life and language from a different lens while traveling the world. While abroad, I traveled to four different countries as well as to many cities in Spain. Take advantage of the opportunities around you and do not let potential challenges deter you from having an amazing time. I loved my study abroad and would definitely do it all over again and highly recommend it!"

Interested in having an experience like Hanna's? Consider applying to GW Madrid this Fall - Apply now before the March 15th deadline!

#### Apply Now to GW Madrid

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