



Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

2024 Gilman Alumni Changemaker Grant Application

The Gilman Alumni Changemaker Grant builds on one of the Gilman International Scholarship Program's (Gilman Program) hallmark components, the follow-on service project. The Changemaker Grant enables alumni to continue to give back to communities through grant-supported projects. The grants support impactful public service projects that need funding to get them off the ground. Gilman alumni inspire change and positively influence their home communities with skills and knowledge gained during their international experiences. The Gilman Alumni Changemaker Grant initiative invests in alumni and their proposed larger projects that create positive change in their communities within the United States. Proposals can be submitted by an individual or a team of Gilman alumni.

The funding for this initiative comes from the Institute of International Education's (IIE) Impact and Innovation Fund, established by IIE's Board of Trustees. The Alumni Changemaker Grant initiative seeks to offer general support to individuals engaging in demonstrated community impact activities throughout the United States. **The 2024 program will offer up to five grants of up to \$10,000 for Gilman alumni who meet program criteria and embody the goals of the grant.**

Eligibility Requirements:

- All applicants (individual and team members) must have successfully completed their Gilman Program study or intern abroad experience (in person or virtually).
- All applicants must have successfully completed their Gilman Program follow-on service project.
- **Applicants must submit their online proposal and all supporting documents by September 13, 2024, at 11:59 PM PST.**
- The required supporting documents include one letter of endorsement and a budget plan. The letter of endorsement may not come from a family member.

Grant Guidelines:

- Activities should take place after December 1, 2024, and conclude prior to December 1, 2025. Funding cannot be used for any activities that began before December 1, 2024, or occur after December 1, 2025.
- **Your proposed project may not support an existing organization, company, nonprofit, or any other entity. This includes any organizations created or led by the alumni applicant. The proposal must be a stand-alone project led by the applicant for the Changemaker Grant.**
- When appropriate, the U.S. Department of State and the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program will amplify project activities through social media platforms. If your proposal is selected for funding, your outreach submissions will be the property of the Gilman Scholarship Program for use in promotion of the grant or in other promotional activities. Your project proposal and company name, ideas, and products will remain your own.
- All applicants must provide an outreach and social media plan, detailing how they would showcase the impact of their grant.
- Grant winners will be required to submit a final narrative report demonstrating the enduring impact of the Gilman Alumni Changemaker Grant and project. All winners will be asked to follow U.S. Department of State and Gilman Program branding guidelines.
- Grant winners will be required to submit a final financial report. Recipients will be featured in social media activities and virtual events, and they may be invited to attend in-person events. Recipients must comply with the terms and conditions of their grant, which will be included with the notification letter.
- Application FAQs can be found here.

All Gilman alumni Changemaker Grant proposals must address or advance at least one of the following areas of progress:

- Building Community through Arts, Sports, and Language
- Protecting the Environment
- Global Health
- Human Rights, Refugees, and Migrants
- Strengthening Democratic Institutions and Fighting Misinformation
- Fostering Gilman Alumni Networks and Development
- Economic Development and Entrepreneurship
- Science and Innovation
- Emerging Technologies
- Increasing Food Security
- Addressing Illicit Drugs Challenges

1. Contact Information (You)

First Name _____
Last Name _____
Email Address _____
Phone Number _____
Address 1 _____
Address 2 (N/A if applicable) _____
City _____
State/Province _____
Zip/Postal Code _____

15. Gilman Program information

Gilman Program year (e.g. 2015) _____
Gilman Program location (e.g. Italy) _____
Home state (where you are registered to vote) _____

Home university where you received your Gilman scholarship

State of the university where you received your Gilman scholarship

Actual or expected college graduation year (If not applicable, type N/A)

4. How many members are in your grant team?

- 1 (just you)
- 2
- 3
- 4

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4. Contact Information (Teammate 1)

First Name _____
Last Name _____
Email Address _____
Phone Number _____
Address 1 _____
Address 2 _____
City _____
State/Province _____
Zip/Postal Code _____

This Question is Conditionally Shown if: (4 = 2 OR 4 = 3 OR 4 = 4)

16. Gilman Program information (Teammate 1)

Gilman Program year _____
Gilman Program location _____
Home state _____
Home university where you received your Gilman

_____ State of the university where you received your Gilman

_____ College graduation year (If not applicable, type N/A)

This Question is Conditionally Shown if: (4 = 3 OR 4 = 4)

5. Contact Information (Teammate 2)

First Name _____
Last Name _____
Email Address _____
Phone Number _____
Address 1 _____
Address 2 _____
City _____
State/Province _____
Zip/Postal Code _____

This Question is Conditionally Shown if: (4 = 3 OR 4 = 4)

17. Gilman Program information (Teammate 2)

Gilman Program year _____
Gilman Program location _____
Home state _____
Home university where you received your Gilman

_____ State of the university where you received your Gilman

_____ College graduation year (If not applicable, type N/A)

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6. Contact Information (Teammate 3)

First Name _____
Last Name _____
Email Address _____
Phone Number _____
Address 1 _____
Address 2 _____
City _____
State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____

This Question is Conditionally Shown if: (4 = 4)

18. Gilman Program information (Teammate 3)

Gilman Program year _____

Gilman Program location _____

Home state _____

Home university where you received your Gilman

State of the university where you received your Gilman

College graduation year (If not applicable, type N/A)

Eligibility

2. Have you (and your teammates, if applicable) successfully completed your Gilman Program study or intern abroad experience?

Yes

No

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Grant Proposal

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Grant Proposal Tips:

- **Once you have started your application, you must submit it during the same session. There is not a mechanism to save session progress. If you do not submit your application during the same session, your work will be lost.** Pro tip: Applicants may wish to type their responses to the proposal questions in a separate document (Word, Google Docs, etc.) and then paste the final submission into the application text boxes.
- Make sure to double-check your spelling and grammar before submitting your application. You cannot go back to edit application contents once submitted.
- Think about how your project narrative and budget work together. Keeping these aligned will demonstrate that you understand your project and have a well-thought-out budget that matches the work you plan to achieve.

This Question is Conditionally Shown if: (2 = Yes)

8. The Gilman Alumni Changemaker Grant seeks to empower Gilman alumni to create positive change in their communities within the United States through public service projects. Please provide an executive summary discussing the who, what, where, and why of your project proposal and how it

achieves community impact while addressing or advancing one of the Gilman Program areas of progress. (4000 character max.)

This Question is Conditionally Shown if: (2 = Yes)

9. The Gilman Alumni Changemaker Grant builds on one of the Gilman Program’s hallmark components, the follow-on service project, supporting Gilman alumni in implementing impactful public service projects that need funding to get off the ground. Please provide your service project’s background and purpose, focusing on how your proposal addresses the Gilman Program’s areas of progress and creates sustainable, long-term impact into the future. (4000 character max.)

This Question is Conditionally Shown if: (2 = Yes)

10. Please submit a detailed implementation plan of your project proposal, including a timeline. Who are the communities that you will be working with? What materials will you need to implement your proposal? How long will each step of your project take?

This Question is Conditionally Shown if: (2 = Yes)

21. What is your plan for outreach and social media engagement throughout the grant period? (December 1, 2024-December 1, 2025) Please provide examples of how you will visibly demonstrate the impact of this grant through social media. (4000 character max.)

This Question is Conditionally Shown if: (2 = Yes)

19. Your proposal submission for the Gilman Alumni Changemaker Grant will not be considered complete unless you also send your budget plan and 1 letter of endorsement to GilmanChangemaker@iie.org before the September 13 deadline. Budget plan link here. Please include your name and "Document Submission - Gilman Alumni Changemaker Grant" in the email subject line.

I have read and acknowledged the statement above that my proposal submission for the Gilman Alumni Changemaker Grant will not be considered complete unless I also send my budget plan and 1 letter of endorsement to GilmanChangemaker@iie.org before the September 13 deadline.

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