



Gilman Scholarship Follow-on Service Project Tips

The *Follow-on Service Project Proposal* is your opportunity to explain how you will *give back* by inspiring others to pursue their own study abroad experiences abroad! All Gilman Scholars are required to carry out a Follow-on Service Project upon their return from abroad that promotes international education and the Gilman International Scholarship. This project can be done on your home campus or in your local community and must be completed within six months of your return to the U.S.

DETAILS

Spell out as many details as possible in your essay. The essay is limited to 7,000 characters (including spaces) which is about 1 ½ pages, single spaced. Both the *Statement of Purpose* essay and the *Follow-on Service Project* proposal are submitted online at the same time. Some key points to keep in mind are:

- **Briefly outline your proposed project** to promote both the Gilman Scholarship *and* the benefits of international education. How will this project impact your home college or home community? What specifically are you going to do and what are your project goals?
- **What is your appropriate target audience** and how will your project impact this group? The target audience for your project should not be too broad or too narrow. Stating that your project is going to reach 1,000 students in your classes at MCC is too broad. Conversely, saying you are going to reach out to five teenagers at your local church is too narrow.
- **How** will you integrate the impact of your experience abroad into your project?
- **What**, if any, campus departments, student organizations, and/or community groups will you collaborate with in promoting the Gilman Scholarship and international education? Have you already made contact with these groups? You are strongly encouraged to seek out permission for any presentations you plan to give, articles you plan to write, or any other project that will require specific approval from a department or outside organization.
- **When** are you going to do this? Your follow-on service project should be feasible, meaning that it is something you can reasonably complete within six months of your return from studying abroad. Ideally, you should be able to complete your project within your first semester after returning from being abroad.

RESOURCES

For more information and to get your creativity started, visit the Gilman Scholarship website listed below for an overview of the Follow-on Service Project and to see examples of projects from previous Gilman Scholars.

www.gilmanscholarship.org/resources/videos/

Additionally, you can watch videos of Gilman scholars abroad, alumni interviews, and get tips from advisors and application reviewers on YouTube at: www.youtube.com/user/gilmanscholarship