

TIANJIN, CHINA



Robert Kueffer

Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship Recipient

Robert's Major: Chinese, Life Sciences Communication, Global Health Certificate

Program: UW Intensive Chinese Language, Summer

How did you hear about the scholarship? I heard about the Gilman through a discussion with my Study Abroad Advisor. Funding study abroad programs can be difficult, so I highly recommend meeting with advisors as early as possible, as they are great resources that have a lot of information on scholarships to offer.

What did the application process entail? The application process for the Gilman scholarship is similar to the application process for other scholarships, but also features a follow-on project upon return. Those awarding the Gilman scholarship want to be sure that students being awarded their scholarship can pass along their experiences to future students, and continue the education back at home. Because of this, make sure to put effort into creating a unique and beneficial follow-on project.

What is your biggest piece of advice for those applying for study abroad scholarships? Obviously when applying for anything it is important to sell yourself. However, when applying for a study abroad scholarship, such as the Gilman scholarship, it is equally important to sell the program itself. People reading scholarship applications have to sift through a plethora of applications; make your program stand out, and let them know how it will benefit your academic and career goals.

In addition to your scholarship, what other resources did you use to fund your study abroad experience? Apart from the Gilman scholarship, I was awarded another scholarship through my university, and was also fortunate enough to have some help from my parents.

“This scholarship was literally the reason I was able to study abroad. Without this scholarship, funding the many travel costs would not have been possible.”



Robert studied abroad on the summer intensive language program in Tianjin, China.

