

ZAGREB, CROATIA



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Benjamin A Gilman Scholarship Recipient

Dana's Major: Political Science, International Studies and Journalism

Program: Worldwide International Internship, Summer

How did you hear about the scholarship? I discovered the Benjamin A Gilman scholarship by searching through the UW-Madison's IAP scholarship chart for scholarships that I was eligible to apply for.

What did the application process entail? The Gilman scholarship application was by far the most extensive application of any scholarship that I completed for my study/intern abroad experience. The application process requires filling out basic demographic and academic information about yourself, writing two separate essays - including one that is a proposal of a follow-up service project, uploading a transcript, and having two advisors submit verification of your application.

How did the scholarship help you study abroad? My scholarship helped me study abroad by funding more than half of my estimated study abroad expenses. Without this money, I would not have been able to intern abroad.

What is your biggest piece of advice for those applying for scholarships? I have two pieces of advice for those applying for study abroad scholarships. The first is to spend most of your effort working on the application essays. The application essays are the sections of scholarship applications that have the potential to set you apart from all of the other students seeking scholarships to study abroad; having a great application essay versus a decent application essay is what most of the time makes or breaks an application and differentiates between the students who get study abroad scholarships and those who don't if the financial need is the same. Make your application essays awesome! My second piece of advice is to apply for any and every scholarship that you are eligible for. I applied for every scholarship that I was eligible for, and I ended up having all of my costs covered!

“I was hesitant to apply for the Gilman scholarship because it is a national scholarship so it was obviously very competitive. Even though I was hesitant, I still applied, and I'm glad that I did because it was the biggest scholarship I received!”



Dana at Plitvice National Park - a UNESCO World Heritage site.

