

THE GUADALUPE AND LILIA MARTINEZ INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

The Guadalupe and Lilia Martinez International Fellows Scholarship (G&LM - IFS) aims to diversify and expand the participation of TAMIU students in overseas programs by awarding grants of up to \$6,000 to students coming from traditionally under-represented fields in education abroad and have chosen a non-traditional location for their study abroad experience.

Eligibility

1. Students must have graduated from high schools of Webb or Zapata Counties
2. Undergraduate students must have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.75 or higher, and graduate students 3.2 or higher.
3. Students must have been approved for participation in a TAMIU Study Abroad Program

Availability

The G&LM-IFS covers study abroad for short-term, semester, and yearlong programs. It promotes study abroad for students from Webb and Zapata Counties. Awards are fully competitive and based on student qualifications, funds availability, and number of qualified applicants. The GLM-IFS can only be awarded one time per student.

Funding amounts

Award amounts range from: \$1,000 to \$1,500 for a short-term program, \$2,000 to \$4,000 for a semester program, and \$4,000 to \$6,000 for a yearlong program.

Preferences

Country/Area Preferences: Africa, Central and South America, East Asia & Pacific, Europe and Eurasia

Fields of Study: Applied Sciences, Business, Foreign Languages, Area Studies, Social Sciences, Political Science

Selecting Award Recipients

The G&LM-IFS recipients will be selected on the basis of merit, need, program duration and cost, with special consideration for the country/area and field of study preferences outlined above. However, all students meeting the eligibility criteria are strongly encouraged to submit their G&LM-IFS application.

Award Requirements

G&LM-IFS recipients will provide to the Office of International Education (OIE) located in Pellegrino Hall 301 the following, within two weeks after completion of their study abroad program:

- Study Abroad Program Evaluation
- Follow-on Service Project consisting of a minimum of 3 PowerPoint Presentations to selected classes or other assignment(s) as per OIE.

Screening

Applications are first reviewed and scored by the OIE. The Statement of Purpose is blindly reviewed and rated/ranked by a panel of faculty members from different Colleges/Departments. The pool of candidates is then presented to the Division of International Programs (DIP), which considers the candidate list and makes a final award recommendation.

Application and Deadline

All applications must be submitted in person to OIE by February 15th for Summer program applicants, by June 1st for Fall program applicants, and by November 1st for Spring program applicants. The application package should consist of a completed G&LM-IFS Application, Study Abroad Budget, and Statement of Purpose.

Incomplete applications will not be considered (missing forms, missing/incorrect information, or a missing signature constitutes an incomplete application), and the Office of International Education will NOT contact students if information is missing or incomplete. Applicants will receive an award notification letter and email during the award notification period, and must comply with the instructions specified in the award letter. After 5:00 pm on the final day of the acceptance period, unaccepted funds will go to alternate students. Information about the scholarships will not be provided over the phone.

Important Dates

Students must complete and submit the G&LM-IFS Application Package to the OIE by 5:00 pm on the dates listed below.

Time Abroad	Application Deadline	Notification Period	Acceptance Period
Summer	15 February	1 st week of March	2 nd week of March
Fall	1 June	2 nd week of June	3 rd week of June
Spring	1 November	2 nd week of November	3 rd week of November

Study Abroad Budget

The Study Abroad Budget is to be calculated based on program information and in consultation with the OIE Director. Copies of the Study Abroad Budget form can be found in the Study Abroad Library. The Study Abroad Budget needs to be signed by both the OIE Director and the student in order to be considered complete.

Statement of Purpose Guidelines

The Statement of Purpose addresses the impact of the study abroad program on the student's academic, professional, and personal goals, and specifically the impact that receiving of the G&LM-IFS has on the achievement of these goals. Students need to address following:

- What impact will the study abroad program and receiving the G&LM-IFS have on my academic goals? Will I be able to take coursework abroad towards my major or minor requirements? Will I be able to take electives or pursue further language training not available to me on my home campus? How will this study abroad program impact any future academic goals, such as obtaining a graduate degree that I may have?
- What initially inspired me to want to study abroad in this particular country or learn this language? What factors led to my choice of country of study.
- What impact will my choice of program have on my experience abroad? Are there unique components, such as home-stays, that will impact my experience abroad?
- What impact will this study abroad program and receiving the G&LM-IFS have on my professional goals? How does my study abroad program relate to my future professional goals? Will I be able to pursue internship or volunteer opportunities that support my overall career goals? Will I be able to learn skills or conduct research that will be necessary to me in my future career?
- What challenges, if any, have you faced in your decision to study abroad? What impact would receiving the G&LM-IFS have on these challenges? For example do you face familial obligations or concerns that hinder your ability to study abroad? Other examples include, but are not limited to, being a non-traditional student, having a learning or physical disability, being in a field of study for which it is difficult to incorporate study abroad, etc.

The Statement of Purpose should be 2-3 pages long (1 inch margins, double spaced), typed in Times New Roman, font size 10. Students need to list the last 4 digits of their TAMIU Student ID# and their initials at the top of the statement, and **NOT** list their name anywhere in the essay. Students should carefully proofread their essay prior to submission. Applicants submitting essays that have grammar and spelling mistakes compete poorly and generally will not receive a scholarship award. It is strongly suggested that students utilize the services of the Writing Center to review their Statement of Purpose.

