




connections with experts in the field and to develop new and clearer postgraduate plans,” Dr. Wooten says.

When she graduates in June, Ashleigh will pursue a PhD in conservation biology. She’s also applying for Fulbright and the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program. Her eventual goal is to work in some sort of leadership position, advising national or international organizations such as Fish and Wildlife Services, International Union for Conservation of Nature or even the U.N.

And it was because of these grants, Ashleigh says, that she was able to make a difference. And have the most rewarding experience of her life.

After four weeks of treating pangolin wounds and eye infections, Ashleigh and a team of five SVW volunteers and staff packed up 53 pangolins on a bus and drove for two days to a national park, fed them a final meal, and released them into the night. 

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Bringing the World Within Reach

Studying abroad – especially twice – isn’t cheap.

All the more reason to apply for a Gilman Scholarship, says Madeline Demas (CSDN, Digital Storytelling ’18).

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program aims to diversify the kinds of students who study and intern abroad and the countries and regions where they go by offering awards to U.S. undergraduates who might otherwise not participate due to financial constraints.

Madeline is one of 13 Drexel students to receive the scholarship since the Fellowships Office made it a priority award in 2015.

Recipients receive up to \$5,000 and are eligible to receive a Critical Need Language Award up to an additional \$3,000 for studying a “critical need language” while abroad.

Madeline’s passion for East Asia pulled her back to South Korea after completing a term abroad during her pre-junior year.

“I knew that if I wanted to seriously nail down my confidence in Korean, I would have to return and partake in an intensive language program,” Madeline says, “but the Gilman Scholarship was pretty much the only reason I was able to go back to South Korea.”

For Kacy Reitnour (Environmental Science ’20), her Gilman to study tropical biodiversity and conversation abroad in Equatorial Guinea in Winter 2017, was her first trip out of the United States.

“The program also aims to support a diverse range of students who have been traditionally under-represented in education abroad,” says Dr. Meredith Wooten, director of the Center for Scholar Development. “In addition to expanding their horizons, the experience of living abroad and learning about new cultures helps prepare these students to succeed in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world.”