Major Fellowships for International Co-op*

*Please note this is not a complete list; others can be found at drexel.edu/fellowships/search

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships
drexel.edu/fellowships/search/fellowships/Gilman_Scholarship/

Sponsored by U.S. State Department. Provides up to $8,000 for students with financial need for international co-op or study abroad. Students identify their own program and apply to Gilman for funding.

Eligibility:

- U.S. Citizen
- Current undergraduate
- Receiving or eligible for a federal Pell Grant
- Spending at least 3 weeks abroad in a country with an overall State Department Travel Advisory Level of 2 or lower (see travel.state.gov)
- Preference for diverse students underrepresented in study abroad and children of veterans

Timeline: Gilman has 2 app cycles - see below. Students do NOT have to be accepted into their co-op at time of Gilman application; they can be in the process of applying.

Spring/Summer Cycle:

- Students starting their co-op in April should apply to Gilman for the Spring application cycle (application opens mid-August, deadline early October, February notification).
- Students starting co-op in May or later have their choice of two Gilman app cycles:
  1) Early Summer (application opens mid-August, deadline early October, February notification)
  2) Summer (application opens mid-January, deadline early March, April notification)

Fall/Winter Cycle:

Students must apply to the Fall/Academic Year Gilman cycle (application opens mid-January, early March deadline, June notification), which is unfortunately very early in terms of the international co-op calendar. They need to plan far in advance and talk with their co-op advisor about options even before postings become available.

German Academic Exchange Service - Research Internships in Science and Engineering (DAAD RISE)
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3-month STEM summer research internships in Germany. Length/dates of internship may be flexible.

Questions?
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(DAAD RISE continued)

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizenship NOT required
- Studying biology, chemistry, computer science, physics, earth sciences, engineering, or a related field
- Graduate students or undergraduate sophomores or above
- No German language proficiency required

Timeline: Internship database opens Nov. 1, application due Dec. 15, decisions announced late Feb.

Spring/Summer Cycle: Students can do DAAD RISE as a design-your-own co-op option. They have to either combine it with another 3-month co-op, or talk with their German supervisor about whether it is possible to do more than 3 months. They should realize that they may have to commit to other co-op options before hearing back from DAAD RISE, and should consult with their fellowships advisor if they end up in that position.

Fall/Winter Cycle: Would need to switch their co-op cycle to participate

Boren Awards

drexel.edu/fellowships/search/fellowships/Boren_Awards/

An initiative of the National Security Education Program, Boren provides funding for critical language study in world regions critical to U.S. strategic security interests (Africa, Asia, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East). Students can apply to Boren for up to $10,000 for international co-op, but they must be going to a Boren preferred country and studying one of Boren’s preferred languages (see website). Boren awardees must commit to working for the government for at least one year post-graduation, preferably in a position related to national security.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizen
- Currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate student
- Planning to co-op in one of the Boren preferred countries
- Able and willing to undertake language study in addition to co-op
- *ROTC students receive priority consideration

Timeline: Boren has one deadline per year (late January for graduate students, early February for undergraduates). This deadline covers all programs beginning June 1 or later, so students really need to be planning for Boren at least one academic year ahead, and well in advance of their co-op cycle. Students who are interested in Boren but hear about it too late to apply for co-op funding should talk with the Center for Scholar Development staff about other options; seniors can often undertake Boren as a “post-graduate” study or intern abroad experience.

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