

## **Follow-on Service Project Proposal**

As a Gilman Scholar and citizen of the United States, I will experience firsthand the importance of cultural exchange and its impact on my education and career goals. As a Computer Science major, I aim to educate my club Girls Who Code on the benefits of studying abroad. As minorities in the tech field, it'll be a great way to help the women at my college diversify their experience and get more STEM students abroad. My Follow-On Service project will be a presentation on what I learned in my Bali philosophy program along with the cultural immersive activities during the trip. I plan to feature this as an individual page on the social justice website that I am creating as a part of my Code Path course this semester.

The Follow-on Service project I am proposing will be a component of my current website which I will present to Computer Science majors at my college specifically Girls Who Code. My website is a project that I am working on for a Web Development course about social justice for minorities. The site is a place to learn, discuss and utilize information to make an impact on society. Adding a page highlighting Bali's society will show the advantages of education outside of our curriculum. I'll primarily express what I learn and the highlights of the trip. This is a unique opportunity to share the page with my school or Gilman about my time in Asia.

Women have been dominating leadership positions... slowly. Technology is a way to shift minorities forward and supporting each other is crucial. Due to the cost, coursework, and unawareness of studying abroad information, many minorities in STEM never have the chance. This is why I would love to present my study abroad experience to Girls Who Code. Computer Science students are constantly told to practice coding, do personal projects, find an internship, and it can be hard. Expressing to my organization the steps I took to pursue my program and what I created with technology will inspire them. Our coursework isn't offered in many programs abroad and educating my classmates about short-term programs can be viable information. I can express how I was able to pursue an internship after my short-term program. I will also speak about incredible cultural immersive activities such as snorkeling, woodcarving, cultural workshops, and a Royal Palace tour all for college credit. I hope to express to Girls Who Code the value of exploring study abroad programs as STEM majors.

Computer science is a rapidly evolving field that is constantly expanding and changing. As such, minorities in this field need to stay up to date on the latest trends and technologies. Studying abroad can be an excellent way to do this, as it provides exposure to different perspectives and approaches to computer science. Equipping students with valuable experiences is what Gilman is all about and I hope to spread this to other minority students who may not realize how achievable studying abroad is.