

# GALWAY, IRELAND

Ariel Ausmer



## Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship Recipient

**Ariel's Major:** Sociology, Legal Studies and Criminal Justice Certificate

**Program:** National University of Ireland, Galway

**How did you hear about the scholarship?** I heard about the scholarship through the International Academic Programs scholarship page.

**How did the scholarship help you study abroad?** The Gilman Scholarship helped me drastically. By the time I applied for the Gilman Scholarship, I had maxed out every financial opportunity available that I was eligible for. I was able to pay for expenses that wouldn't have been covered if I never received the scholarship. I'm extremely grateful for the opportunity the Gilman scholarship provided me.

**In addition to your scholarship, what other resources did you use to fund your study abroad experience?** To help fund my study abroad I had previously saved money over the course of two summers to cover additional costs. During the fall semester before my program began, I worked on campus and would budget out a certain amount to take out of my pay and apply to my study abroad savings. I also received financial aid throughout the school year which was automatically applied to my program. The Gilman Scholarship helped to make up the remaining costs of my program and relieved any stress I had about finances.

**“I am the first person in my family to ever travel internationally and they couldn't be happier to hear all about my experiences...Without all the support I received, this wouldn't have been possible.”**



**Ariel studied abroad in Galway, Ireland**

