

# Boren AWARDS



SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS  
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDY

A National Security Education Program Initiative  
Administered by the Institute of International Education



# National Security Education Act



- Authored by Senator David L. Boren
- Originally Established in 1991
- Now Consists of Multiple Initiatives
  - Boren Scholarship
  - Boren Fellowship
  - The Language Flagship
  - Project GO



- Provide funding for undergraduate and graduate students to study in areas critical to national security  
Africa • Asia • Central & Eastern Europe  
Eurasia • Latin America • Middle East
- Emphasize learning less commonly taught languages
- Promote long-term linguistic and cultural immersion
- Require 1 year of federal government service





## National Security

The Boren Awards focus on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study that are critical to U.S. national security.

They draw on a broad definition of national security, including:

- Traditional national security concerns of protecting & promoting American well-being
- Challenges of global society, such as
  - sustainable development
  - environmental degradation
  - global disease and hunger
  - population growth and migration
  - economic competitiveness

All applicants must demonstrate how their programs and future goals are connected to this broad understanding of national security.



## BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS

# Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- An undergraduate at an accredited U.S. college/university
- Not graduating until after Boren funding period
- Planning to study in an eligible world region
- Planning to study a foreign language





## BOREN FELLOWSHIPS

# Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- Matriculated in or applying to a graduate program at an accredited U.S. college/university
- Not graduating until after Boren funding period
- Planning to study in an eligible world region
- Planning to study a foreign language





**BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS**

# Maximum Award Amounts

**\$20,000/Year**

**\$10,000/Semester**



Can be used for:

Tuition & Fees • Room & Board • Round-Trip Airfare  
Books • Local Transportation • Health Insurance



## BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS

# Special STEM Initiative

Up to \$8,000 for summer study  
(minimum of 8 weeks)

Science  
Technology  
Engineering  
Mathematics

STEM students may also apply for  
semester & year programs.



All other applicants must plan to study overseas for  
at least a semester.





**BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS**

# Finding a Study Abroad Program



Visit your campus representative & study abroad office.

Do your own research online ([www.iiepassport.org](http://www.iiepassport.org)).

Identify programs with the appropriate level of language instruction.

**Apply on time!**



## BOREN FELLOWSHIPS

# Maximum Award Amounts



## Overseas

Maximum:

- \$12,000 for 12-24 weeks
- \$20,000 for 25-36 weeks
- \$24,000 for 37-52 weeks

## Domestic

Maximum: \$12,000

Maximum: \$30,000 over 24 months



## BOREN FELLOWSHIPS

# Develop A Proposal



## Overseas

Language study

Additional Options

- Academic study
- Graduate-level research
- Academic internship
- Combination of the above

## Domestic

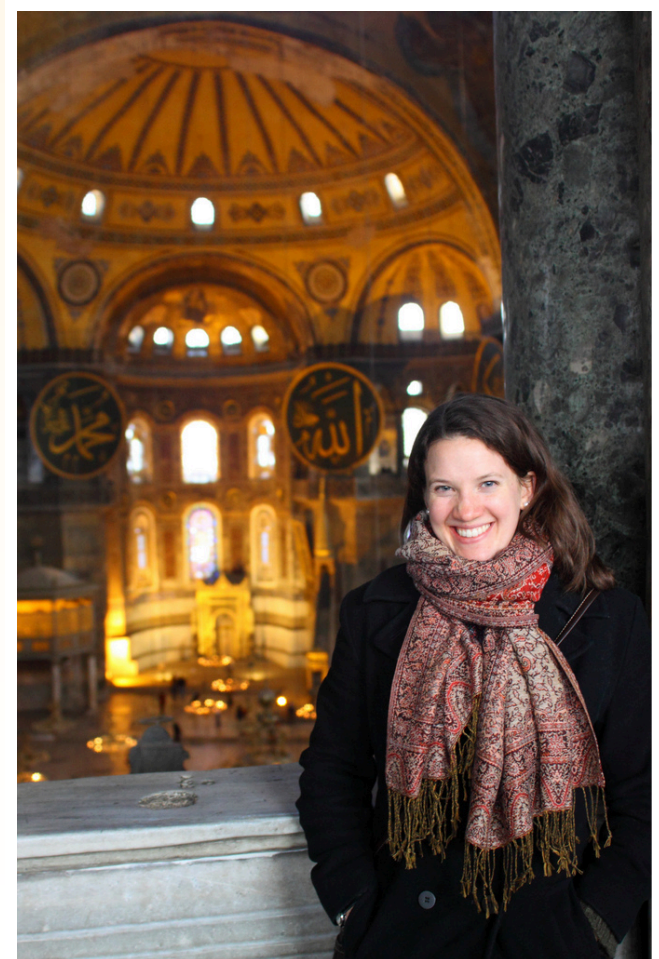
Language Study

- Summer before/after overseas study
- STEM: Summer or academic year before/after overseas study



## Preferences

- Countries
- Languages
- Fields of Study
- Length of Study
- Commitment to Government Service





## Preferred Countries

Albania	Colombia	Indonesia	Mozambique	Slovakia
Algeria	Congo, Dem.* Rep. of the	Israel	Nepal	Slovenia
Angola	Congo, Rep. of the	Japan	Nicaragua	South Africa
Argentina	Croatia	Jordan	Nigeria	Sri Lanka
Armenia	Cuba	Kazakhstan	Oman	Taiwan
Azerbaijan	Czech Republic	Kenya	Pakistan*	Tajikistan
Bahrain	Egypt	Korea, South	Panama	Tanzania
Bangladesh	El Salvador	Kosovo	Peru	Thailand
Belarus	Eritrea*	Kuwait	Philippines	Timor-Leste
Benin	Ethiopia	Kyrgyzstan	Poland	Tunisia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Georgia	Lebanon*	Qatar	Turkey
Brazil	Ghana	Liberia	Romania	Uganda
Bulgaria	Guatemala	Macedonia	Russia	Ukraine
Cambodia	Haiti	Malaysia	Rwanda	United Arab Emirates
Cape Verde	Honduras*	Mali*	Saudi Arabia	Uzbekistan
Chile	Hungary	Mexico	Senegal	Venezuela
China	India	Moldova	Serbia	Vietnam
		Montenegro	Sierra Leone	Yemen*
		Morocco		

\* Given the current security situation, we do not anticipate making awards to these countries in 2014.



## Preferred Languages

Albanian	Bosnian	Javanese	Pashto	Tajik
African Languages	Bulgarian	Kanarese	Persian	Tamil
Akan/Twi*	Cambodian	Kazakh	Polish	Telegu
Amharic	Cantonese	Khmer	Portuguese*	Thai
Arabic (and dialects)	Croatian	Korean	Punjabi	Turkmen
Armenian	Czech	Kurdish	Romanian	Turkish
Azerbaijani	Gan	Kyrgyz	Russian	Uighur
Bahasa Indonesian	Georgian	Lingala	Serbian	Ukrainian
Bambara	Hausa*	Macedonian	Sinhala	Urdu
Belarusian	Haitian	Malay	Slovak	Uzbek
Bengali	Hebrew	Malayalam	Slovenian	Vietnamese
	Hindi	Mandarin	Swahili*	Wolof*
	Hungarian	Moldovan	Tagalog	Yoruba*
	Japanese			Zulu*

\* These languages are part of the African Languages Initiative.



## African Languages Initiative

Languages	Official Summer Domestic Program	Official Fall Overseas Program
French	✓	✓ Senegal
Swahili	✓	✓ Tanzania
Akan/Twi	✓	
Hausa	✓	
Wolof	✓	
Yoruba	✓	
Zulu	✓	
Portuguese		✓ Mozambique





## Preferred Fields of Study

- Agricultural and food sciences
- Engineering and sciences:
  - Biology, chemistry, physics, environmental science, mathematics
- Business and economics
- Computer and information sciences
- Foreign languages
- Health and biomedical science
- History
- International affairs
- Law, political science, & public policy
- Social sciences:
  - Anthropology, psychology, sociology







## Exceptions to Preferences

We cannot list all countries, languages, and fields of study that are critical to U.S. national security.



We will accept applications for non-preferred areas where the candidate can make a compelling case that such study can contribute significantly to U.S. national security and the goals of the program.



## Preferred Length of Study



Preference is given to applicants planning to spend an academic year or **6-12 months** overseas

Note: Applicants proposing overseas programs of 3-6 months, especially those in the STEM fields are encouraged to apply.



## Commitment to Government Service

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a desire to work in the federal government.





# Fulfilling the Service Requirement

## **BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS**

Term: 1 year

Deadline: Begin within 3 years of graduation

## **BOREN FELLOWSHIPS**

Term: 1 year or length of funding

Deadline: Begin within 2 years of graduation



## Government Service: Priority Areas

In exchange for funding, Scholars and Fellows agree to seek employment in one of these priority areas:



Department of  
Defense



Department of  
State



Department of  
Homeland  
Security

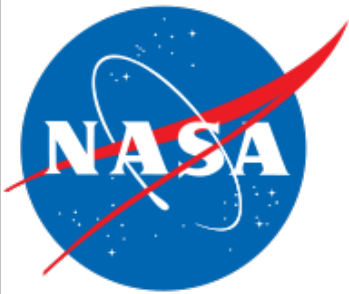


The  
Intelligence  
Community



If a Scholar or Fellow does not find a suitable position in one of the priority areas, they can pursue any position within the federal government that contributes to national security.

Examples of previously accepted alternatives:



And many more!

After making a documented good-faith effort to find a position in the federal government, awardees may pursue positions in education directly related to the NSEP-funded language study or geographical experience.



## BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS

### Supplementary Materials

- 2 Recommendation Letters
- Transcript(s)
- Study Abroad Program Description
- Language Self-Assessment
- Language Proficiency Form (optional)



### Online Application Includes

- Study Abroad Program Selection
- Budget
- 2 Essays



## BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS

### Essay #1: National Security/Future Career

- Significance of your study abroad experience (country/region, culture, language) to U.S. national security, broadly defined.
- How country, language, and program will help to achieve future career goals, including the service requirement.
- Describe how skills gained as well as past experiences will help you fulfill the service requirement.

### Essay #2: Study Abroad Description

- Study abroad program: courses, activities, support services, etc.
- Language component: formal and informal
- Past language experience and future language study plans



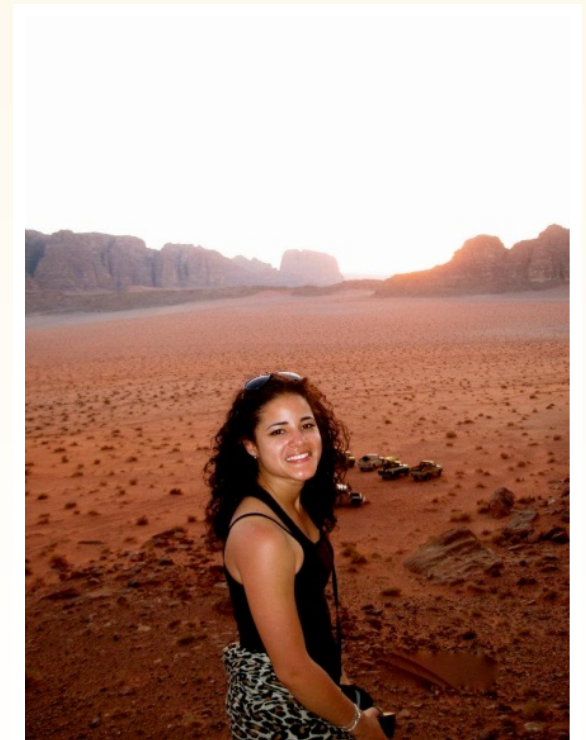




## BOREN FELLOWSHIPS

### Online Application Includes

- Transcripts
- 3 Recommendations
- Language Proficiency Form (optional)
- Budget
- 3 Essays
- Letter of Overseas Affiliation  
(not required at time of application)





## BOREN FELLOWSHIPS

### Essay #1: National Security/Future Career

- Significance of your proposed study plan (region, language, and culture) to U.S. national security, broadly defined.
- How country, language, and study plan will help achieve future career goals, including the service requirement.
- How skills gained as well as past experiences will help you fulfill the service requirement.

### Essay #2: Proposed Study Plan

- Describe your proposed study plan in detail.

### Essay #3: Language Study Goals

- Your specific goals for language study.
- Past experience in the language and plans for language study after fellowship.





## Application Deadlines

National deadlines are for study that will begin after June 1, 2014.

**Boren Fellowships: January 28, 2014**

**Boren Scholarships: February 5, 2014\***

\*Students are encouraged to work closely with their campus representative, who will set earlier, on-campus deadline.





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