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
Boren Awards for International Study

- 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
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.
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
Eligibility

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• Matriculated in or applying to a graduate program at an accredited U.S. college/university

• Not graduating until after Boren funding period

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• Planning to study a foreign language
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.
Finding a Study Abroad Program

Visit your campus representative & study abroad office.

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

* Given the current security situation, we do not anticipate making awards to these countries in 2013.
## Preferred Languages

| African Languages   | Albanian          | Akan/Twi*         | Arabic (and dialects) | Amharic        | Armenian | Azerbaijani | Bahasa Indonesian | Bambara | Belarusian | Bengali | Javanese          | Pashto | Persian | Polish | Portuguese* | Punjabi | Romanian | Russian | Serbian | Slovak | Slovenian | Swahili* | Tagalog | Tajik | Tamil | Telegu | Thai | Turkmen | Turkish | Uighur | Ukrainian | Urdu | Uzbek | Vietnamese | Wolof* | Yoruba* | Zulu* |
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African Languages Initiative

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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.
Online Application Includes

- Study Abroad Program Selection
- Budget
- 2 Essays

Supplementary Materials

- 2 Recommendation Letters
- Transcript(s)
- Study Abroad Program Description
- Language Self-Assessment
- Language Proficiency Form (optional)
Essay #1: Rationale

- Explain how country and language are important to national security.
- Describe how this experience will help to achieve future career goals, include plans to fulfill the service requirement.

Essay #2: Study Abroad Program Description

- Describe the selected study abroad program (courses, cultural activities, support services, etc).
- Describe plans for learning the language. (before, during, and after)
Online Application Includes

• Transcripts
• 3 Recommendations
• Language Proficiency Form (optional)
• Budget
• 3 Essays
• Letter of Overseas Affiliation (not required at time of application)
Essay #1: Significance
• Explain the significance of your proposed study plan and selected region, language, and culture to U.S. national security, broadly defined.
• Describe how your proposed study plan relates to your academic and career goals, including your plans to fulfill the service requirement.

Essay #2: Proposed Study Plan
• Describe your proposed study plan in detail.

Essay #3: Language Study Goals
• Describe your specific goals for language study.
• Describe your past experience in studying/speaking the language and your plans for continuing to study/speak the language following your Boren Fellowship.
National deadlines are for study that will begin after June 1, 2013.

**Application Deadlines**

**Boren Fellowships:** January 31, 2013

**Boren Scholarships:** February 13, 2013*

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