



Boren Fellowship

Award Details

Emphasis: Academic; Experiential; Travel; Language

Boren Fellowships, an initiative of the National Security Education Program, provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. graduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. Boren Fellows represent a vital pool of highly motivated individuals who wish to work in the federal national security arena. In exchange for funding, Boren Fellows commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be US citizens at the time of application.
- Applicants must be either matriculated in or applying to a graduate degree program at a U.S. college or university located within the United States and accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Boren Fellows must remain matriculated in their graduate programs for the duration of the fellowship and may not graduate until the fellowship is complete.
- Applicants must be planning an overseas program that meets home institution standards in a country outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand. Boren Fellowships are not for study in the United States.

Candidate Profile

Key Characteristics Sought by Review Committee

- Competitive applicants will generally: study less commonly taught languages in countries that are critical to national security; propose a full academic year, or at least two consecutive semesters, of overseas study; be committed to a career in the federal government; develop a strong overseas study plan; include serious language study; and make a compelling case for the significance of the proposed country, region, and language to US national security.

Application

Date Application Available: Late August

Internal Application Due Date: December

Final Application Due Date: January