



Boren Scholarship

Award Details

Emphasis: Academic; Experiential; Travel; Language

Boren Scholarships, an initiative of the National Security Education Program, provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate 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 Scholars represent a vital pool of highly motivated individuals who wish to work in the federal national security arena. In exchange for funding, Boren Scholars commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation. Maximum scholarship awards are: \$8,000 for a summer program (special initiative for STEM students only; 8 weeks minimum); \$10,000 for a semester; \$20,000 for a full academic year.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be US citizens at the time of application.
- Applicants must be high school graduates, or have earned a GED.
- Applicants must be matriculated in an undergraduate 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 Scholars must remain matriculated in their undergraduate programs for the duration of the fellowship and may not graduate until the scholarship is complete.
- Applicants must be applying to a study abroad program that meets home institution standards in a country outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand. Boren Scholarships 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: January
Final Application Due Date: February