

“Federal clerkships are highly sought-after in the legal profession and they usually pit very comparable candidates against each other. My judge somehow picked me for one of three spots, out of about 800 applications. I’m virtually positive this experience wouldn’t have happened without my fellowship.”
- Boren Fellow who studied in China

Many law students have participated in the Boren Fellowship program, studying languages, taking law-related coursework, and researching legal issues in Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Here are examples of what law students have done overseas with the Boren Fellowship:

- Researched the law of regional autonomy for ethnic minorities in China at Qinghua University Law School
- Interviewed and observed lawyers, law professors, and NGO personnel regarding advocacy strategies employed by South African human rights lawyers
- Researched the impact of U.S. rule of law promotion in Russia, Ukraine, and Kyrgyzstan by interviewing current and former parliament members, their staff, and other government officials
- Studied the legal aspects of East Asian industrial, economic, trade, and finance policy while studying at Tsukuba University in Japan
- Interned with an environmental non-governmental organization in Kazakhstan to learn about environmental security issues and international environmental cooperation
- Enrolled in classes on Islamic law and legal institutions at the Center for Arabic Language and Eastern Studies at the University of Science and Technology in Jordan

Examples of Service

Boren Fellows who have graduated from law school have fulfilled their service in a variety of federal positions including:

- A federal clerkship that included serving as a delegate in Russia to conduct a clinic on jury trials
- A position at the Department of the Interior coordinating departmental policy on legislation related to homeland security
- A position with the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs developing policies to combat international narcotics and crime
- A trial attorney for the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section of the U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Division