

“My knowledge of the region, my command of the language, and my background in STD prevention, all of which were sharpened during my fellowship, are essential to my success in my current position.”

-Boren Fellow who conducted research in Guatemala

A number of medical and public health students have received Boren Fellowships, studying languages, interning with non-governmental organizations, taking health-related coursework, and researching issues related to medicine and public health in Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Here are examples of what these students have done with the Boren Fellowship:

- Took classes in international health and interned at the Global AIDS program in Guatemala, developing several HIV/AIDS monitoring and evaluation guides in addition to designing and implementing an HIV-related research study
- Evaluated a community program in Kenya that introduced foods to malnourished youth, collecting data via follow-up interviews, surveys, and anthropometric measurements such as morbidity, dietary and growth patterns
- Interviewed HIV+ drug users in Vietnam about their attitudes and beliefs towards a potential HIV vaccine
- Determined the incidence and annual risk of infection of tuberculosis in children living in Bangladesh, evaluating the best way to approach diagnosis and management
- Conducted community-based participatory research in Mozambique with the support of the Universidade Católica de Moçambique and two local physicians
- Researched women's health strategies in collaboration with researchers at the Federal University of Ceara in Northeastern Brazil, focusing on reproductive health and modern contraceptive methods

Examples of Service

Boren Fellows have fulfilled their service requirement in a variety of federal positions related to medicine and public health. Examples include:

- A physician in a clinic funded by the Department of Defense
- A vaccine trial coordinator working on the development of a vaccine to prevent cervical cancer for the National Institute of Health's Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics
- A research associate for a study on the use of respirators by people with mild respiratory impairments at the Veteran's Affairs Brentwood Biomedical Research Institute
- A supervisory technical advisor for the United States Agency for International Development principally responsible for the areas of prevention, counseling, testing, and treatment of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections
- A technical officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention providing technical assistance for polio eradication activities
- A position implementing a grant managed by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to create a voucher-driven system for court-involved methamphetamine users to seek treatment and recovery support services