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Student Receives Prestigious Boren Award

_____, has been awarded a Boren _____ to study in _____ during the 2012-13
(Recipient's Name) (Scholarship/Fellowship) (Country)

academic year. _____ is currently _____ student in _____ at
(Name of Recipient) (an undergraduate/a graduate) (student's field(s) of study)

_____. He/She will study _____ at _____ in _____.
(Student's Home Institution) (Language) (Name of Overseas Institution) (Host City)

David L. Boren Scholarships and Fellowships are sponsored by the National Security Education Program (NSEP), a major federal initiative designed to build a broader and more qualified pool of U.S. citizens with foreign language and international skills. Boren Awards provide U.S. undergraduate and graduate students with resources and encouragement to acquire language skills and experience in countries critical to the future security and stability of our nation. In exchange for funding, Boren award recipients agree to work in the federal government for a period of at least one year. "The National Security Education Program," according to Michael A. Nugent, director of NSEP, "represents an essential component of a comprehensive national security strategy to address serious and long-time deficiencies in critical language expertise."

For the third consecutive year, the Institute of International Education, which administers the awards on behalf of NSEP, received a record number of applications for both the undergraduate Boren Scholarship and the graduate Boren Fellowship. This year, 1014 undergraduate students applied for the Boren Scholarship and 161 were awarded, while 575 graduate students applied for the Boren Fellowship and 119 were awarded. Boren Scholars and Fellows will live in countries throughout Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. They will study 39 different languages. The most popular languages include Arabic, Mandarin, Swahili, Russian, Portuguese, and Japanese. "Never in our history has it been more important for America's future leaders to have a deep understanding of the rest of the world," says University of Oklahoma President David Boren, who as a U.S. Senator was the principal author of the legislation that created the National Security Education Program and the scholarships and fellowships that bear his name. "As we seek to lead through partnerships, respect for and understanding of other cultures and languages is absolutely essential."

Since 1994, over 4,700 students have received Boren Awards. Boren Scholars and Fellows represent a vital pool of highly motivated individuals who wish to work in the federal national security arena, and program alumni are contributing to the critical missions of agencies throughout the federal government. An independent not-for-profit founded in 1919, IIE is among the world's largest and most experienced international education and exchange organizations. Undergraduate and graduate students interested in applying for the Boren Awards should contact IIE at boren@iie.org or visit www.borenawards.org.