

Boren

SCHOLARSHIPS



SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDY

A National Security Education Program Initiative
Administered by the Institute of International Education



National Security Education Act



- Authored by Senator David L. Boren
- Originally Established in 1991
- Now Consists of Multiple Initiatives
 - Boren Scholarship
 - Boren Fellowship
 - The Language Flagship



- Provide funding for undergraduate students to study in areas critical to national security
Africa · Asia · Central & Eastern Europe
Eurasia · Latin America · Middle East
- Emphasize learning less commonly taught languages
- Promote long-term linguistic and cultural immersion
- Require 1 year of federal government service





National Security

The Boren Awards focus on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study that are critical to U.S. national security.

They draw on a broad definition of national security, including:

- Traditional national security concerns of protecting & promoting American well-being
- Challenges of global society, such as
 - sustainable development
 - environmental degradation
 - global disease and hunger
 - population growth and migration
 - economic competitiveness

All applicants must demonstrate how their programs and future goals are connected to this broad understanding of national security.



Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- An undergraduate at an accredited U.S. college/university
- Not graduating until after Boren funding period
- Planning to study in an eligible world region
- Planning to study a foreign language





Maximum Award Amounts

\$20,000/Year

\$10,000/Semester



Can be used for:

**Tuition & Fees • Room & Board • Round-Trip Airfare
Books • Local Transportation • Health Insurance**



Special STEM Initiative

**Up to \$8,000 for summer study
(minimum of 8 weeks)**

Science

Technology

Engineering

Mathematics



**STEM students may also apply for
semester & year programs.**

**All other applicants must plan to study overseas for
at least a semester.**



Finding a Study Abroad Program



Visit your campus representative & study abroad office.

Do your own research online (www.iiepassport.org).

Identify programs with the appropriate level of language instruction.

Apply on time!



Preferences

- Countries
- Languages
- Fields of Study
- Length of Study
- Commitment to Government Service





Preferred Countries

Albania	Congo, Dem.* Rep. of the	Indonesia	Mozambique	South Africa
Algeria	Congo, Rep. of the	Israel	Nicaragua	Sri Lanka
Angola	Cote d'Ivoire*	Japan	Nigeria	Syria*
Argentina	Croatia	Jordan	Oman	Taiwan
Armenia	Cuba	Kazakhstan	Pakistan*	Tajikistan
Azerbaijan	Czech	Kenya	Panama	Tanzania
Bahrain*	Republic	Korea, South	Peru	Thailand
Belarus	Egypt	Kosovo	Philippines	Timor-Leste
Benin	El Salvador	Kuwait	Poland	Tunisia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Eritrea	Kyrgyzstan	Qatar	Turkey
Brazil	Ethiopia	Lebanon	Romania	Uganda
Bulgaria	Georgia	Liberia	Russia	Ukraine
Cambodia	Ghana	Macedonia	Rwanda	United Arab Emirates
Cape Verde	Guatemala	Malaysia	Saudi Arabia	Uzbekistan
Chile	Haiti	Mali	Senegal	Venezuela
China	Honduras	Mexico	Serbia	Vietnam
Colombia	Hungary	Moldova	Sierra Leone	Yemen*
	India	Montenegro	Slovakia	
		Morocco	Slovenia	

* Given the current security situation, we do not anticipate making awards to these countries in 2012.



Preferred Languages

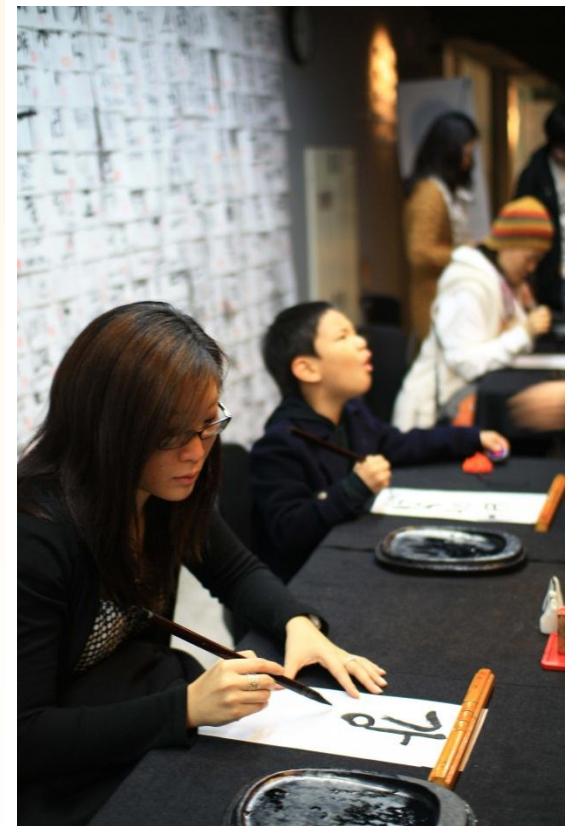
Albanian	Bosnian	Javanese	Pashto	Tajik
African Languages	Bulgarian	Kanarese	Persian	Tamil
Akan/Twi*	Cambodian	Kazakh	Polish	Telegu
Amharic	Cantonese	Khmer	Portuguese*	Thai
Arabic (and dialects)	Croatian	Korean	Punjabi	Turkmen
Armenian	Czech	Kurdish	Romanian	Turkish
Azerbaijani	Gan	Kyrgyz	Russian	Uighur
Bahasa Indonesian	Georgian	Lingala	Serbian	Ukrainian
Bambara	Hausa	Macedonian	Sinhala	Urdu
Belarusian	Hebrew	Malay	Slovak	Uzbek
Bengali	Hindi	Malayalam	Slovenian	Vietnamese
	Hungarian	Mandarin	Swahili*	Wolof*
	Japanese	Moldovan	Tagalog	Yoruba*
				Zulu*

* These languages are part of the African Languages Initiative.



Preferred Fields of Study

- Agricultural and food sciences
- Engineering and sciences:
 - Biology, chemistry, physics, environmental science, mathematics
- Business and economics
- Computer and information sciences
- Foreign languages
- Health and biomedical science
- History
- International affairs
- Law, political science, & public policy
- Social sciences:
 - Anthropology, psychology, sociology





Exceptions to Preferences

We cannot list all countries, languages, and fields of study that are critical to U.S. national security.



We will accept applications for non-preferred areas where the candidate can make a compelling case that such study can contribute significantly to U.S. national security and the goals of the program.



Preferred Length of Study



Preference is given to applicants planning to spend an academic year or **6-12 months** overseas

Note: Applicants proposing overseas programs of 3-6 months, especially those in the STEM fields are encouraged to apply.



Commitment to Government Service

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a desire to work in the federal government.





Fulfilling the Service Requirement

Term: 1 year

Deadline: Begin within 3 years of graduation

Resources:

- NSEP Staff
- NSEPnet.org
- Boren Forum
- Several hiring authorities





Government Service: Priority Areas

In exchange for funding, Scholars and Fellows agree to seek employment in one of these priority areas:



**Department of
Defense**



**Department of
State**



**Department of
Homeland
Security**



**The
Intelligence
Community**



If a Scholar or Fellow does not find a suitable position in one of the priority areas, they can pursue any position within the federal government that contributes to national security.

Examples of previously accepted alternatives:



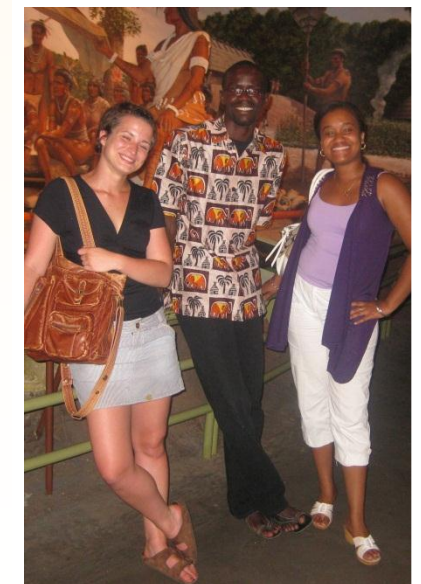
And many more!

After making a documented good-faith effort to find a position in the federal government, awardees may pursue positions in education directly related to the NSEP-funded language study or geographical experience.



African Languages Initiative

Languages	Official Summer Domestic Program	Official Fall Overseas Program
Swahili	✓	✓ Tanzania
Yoruba	✓	✓ Nigeria
Zulu	✓	✓ South Africa
Akan/Twi	✓	
Wolof	✓	
Portuguese		✓ Mozambique





Supplementary Materials

- 2 Recommendation Letters
- Transcript(s)
- Study Abroad Program Description
- Language Self-Assessment
- Language Proficiency Form (optional)



Online Application Includes

- Study Abroad Program Selection
- Budget
- 2 Essays



Essay #1: Rationale

- Explain how country and language are important to national security.
- Describe how this experience will help to achieve future career goals, include plans to fulfill the service requirement.

Essay #2: Study Abroad Program Description

- Describe the selected study abroad program (courses, cultural activities, support services, etc).
- Describe plans for learning the language. (before, during, and after)





Application Deadlines

National deadlines are for study that will begin after June 1, 2012.

Boren Scholarships: February 9, 2012*

*Students are encouraged to work closely with their campus representative, who will set earlier, on-campus deadline.





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