

National Security Education Program

The National Security Education Program (NSEP) is a major federal initiative designed to build a broader and more qualified pool of U.S. citizens with foreign language and international skills. Established by Congress in 1991, NSEP consists of multiple initiatives including Boren Scholarships, Boren Fellowships, and the Language Flagship. Boren Scholarships and Fellowships provide funding for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study the languages and cultures of Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

	Boren Scholarships	Boren Fellowships
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate student matriculated in U.S. college or university • Planning to study abroad in an eligible world region • U.S. Citizen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matriculated in or applying to a U.S. graduate program • Planning to study an eligible world region and language • U.S. Citizen
Funding:	\$20,000 for a full academic year \$10,000 per semester \$8,000 for summer (8+ weeks)	\$24,000 for overseas study \$30,000 for a combination of domestic and overseas study
Length:	Full academic year or semester programs are open to all applicants. Summer awards are only available to students in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.	Maximum domestic and overseas funding period is 2 years. Overseas study must be a minimum of 12 weeks and preference will be given to programs of 6-12 months.
Language:	Proposed program must include formal study of an appropriate foreign language	Proposed program must include formal study of an appropriate foreign language
Deadlines:	February 9, 2012 *Campus representatives will set earlier, on-campus deadlines	January 31, 2012

Service:

The goal of NSEP is to enhance the capacity of the federal sector to deal effectively with the challenging global issues of the 21st century. The NSEP Service Requirement stipulates that an award recipient work in the Federal Government in a position with national security responsibilities. The Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, State, or any element of the Intelligence Community are priority agencies. If an award recipient demonstrates to NSEP that no appropriate position is available in one of these agencies, the award recipient must seek to fulfill the requirement in a position with national security responsibilities in any Federal department or agency. Approval of service outside of a priority agency is contingent upon satisfactory demonstration of a full and good faith effort in accordance with conditions established by NSEP. If an award recipient demonstrates to NSEP that no appropriate position is available in the Federal government, the award recipient may petition NSEP to fulfill the requirement in an education position directly related to the language(s) or area(s) studied by the individual under NSEP support or to another language or area where the individual has demonstrated competency. The education option is available only after exhausting all opportunities to fulfill the requirement in the Federal Government in accordance with conditions established by NSEP.

Boren gives preference to applicants who are committed to government service and applying for countries, languages, and fields of study that are critical to U.S. national security. Applications for non-preferred areas should make a compelling case that such study will contribute to U.S. national security and the goals of the Boren program.

Preferred Countries

<u>Europe/Eurasia</u> Albania Armenia Azerbaijan Belarus Bosnia and Herzegovina Bulgaria Croatia Czech Republic Georgia Hungary Kazakhstan Kosovo Kyrgyzstan Macedonia Moldova Montenegro Poland Romania	Russia Serbia Slovakia Slovenia Tajikistan Turkey Ukraine Uzbekistan <u>Asia</u> Cambodia China India Indonesia Japan Korea, South Malaysia Pakistan* Philippines Sri Lanka	Taiwan Thailand Timor-Leste Vietnam <u>Sub-Saharan Africa</u> Angola Benin Cape Verde Congo, Dem. Rep. of the* Congo, Rep. of the Eritrea Ethiopia Ghana Kenya Mali Liberia Mozambique Nigeria Rwanda	Senegal Sierra Leone South Africa Tanzania Uganda <u>Latin America</u> Argentina Brazil Chile Colombia Cuba El Salvador Guatemala Haiti Honduras Mexico Nicaragua Panama Peru	Venezuela <u>Middle East/North Africa</u> Algeria Bahrain* Egypt Israel Jordan Kuwait Lebanon Morocco Oman Qatar Saudi Arabia Syria* Tunisia United Arab Emirates Yemen*
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* Given the current security situation, we do not anticipate making awards to these countries in 2012.

Preferred Languages

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

Agricultural and Food Sciences Area Studies Engineering and Sciences (including: 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 Studies Social Sciences (including: anthropology, psychology, sociology)
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Preferred Length of Study

Boren highly values cultural and linguistic immersion overseas. Therefore, preference will be given to Boren applicants proposing full academic year study overseas.

Commitment to Government Service

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

For more information, contact:

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