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

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
ELIGIBILITY - ALL PROGRAMS

• U.S. citizen
• Planning to study a foreign language intensively in an eligible world region (not W. Europe, Can., Aus., NZ)
• Matriculated at an accredited U.S. institution or applying to graduate school
• Non-citizen of destination country
Selection Criteria: U.S. National Security

- Explain relevance of country, language, and/or field of study to U.S. national security
- A broad range of public policy issues can be analyzed in terms of U.S. national security or foreign affairs
- Argument should be detailed, specific & related to academic interests & professional goals
Selection Criteria: Public Service

- Boren Awards alumni commit to working for U.S. federal government for at least one year
- Preference for applicants who demonstrate longer-term commitment to government careers
- Educational deferments of service available to awardees pursuing subsequent academic degrees
SELECTION CRITERIA: LANGUAGE & CULTURE

- Demonstrate serious commitment to language study before, during & after Boren
- Select program(s) that maximize opportunities for language immersion overseas
- Set realistic expectations for proficiency gains
- Language proficiency need not be required for future career
## Two Types of Eligible Programs

1.) **Flagship Language Initiative Programs**

- African Languages
- Indonesian
- South Asian Languages
- Turkish

2.) **Self-Identified Programs**
FEATURES OF FLAGSHIP LANGUAGE INITIATIVES

• Available to all levels!*
• Fully-funded & credit-bearing
• Intensive, small-class study
• Summer course at U.S. university
• Fall course at overseas institution + local homestay
• Optional funding for self-identified spring course overseas

* No minimum proficiency for FLI languages except for French, which requires intermediate-high proficiency
### African Flagship Languages Initiative (AFLI)

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* French proficiency must be intermediate-high or higher
‡ Applicants for Akan/Twi, Wolof, or Zulu must identify their own overseas programs
INDONESIAN FLAGSHIP LANGUAGE INITIATIVE (IFLI)

• Summer Domestic Program at

• Fall Overseas Program in Malang, Indonesia

• Spring Overseas Program (Optional) in Indonesia
**SOUTH ASIAN FLAGSHIP LANGUAGES INITIATIVE (SAFLI)**

- Summer Domestic Program at

- Fall Overseas Programs:
  - Hindi in Jaipur, India
  - Urdu in Lucknow, India

- Spring Overseas Program (Optional) in India
Turkish Flagship Language Initiative (TURFLI)

- Summer Domestic Program at
- Fall Overseas Program in Baku, Azerbaijan
- Spring Overseas Program (Optional) in Azerbaijan
SELF-IDENTIFIED PROGRAM STRUCTURE

BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS

Find one or more study abroad programs in the same country:
- University study abroad office
- Third-party providers

www.iiepassport.org
& other directories

BOREN FELLOWSHIPS

Develop a study plan:
✓ Language study
  + Academic study
  + Internship (non-government)
  + Graduate-level research
**SELF-IDENTIFIED PROGRAM MAXIMUM AWARDS**

**BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS**

- $25,000 / 25-52 weeks*
- $12,500 / 12-24 weeks
- $8,000 / 8-11 weeks (STEM)

**BOREN FELLOWSHIPS**

- $25,000 / 25-52 weeks*
- $12,500 / 12-24 weeks
  + Up to $12,000 for domestic

* Preferred duration of study; all durations preferred for undergraduate STEM applicants to Boren Scholarships
BUILDING A PROGRAM BUDGET

• One round-trip ticket compliant with the Fly America Act
• All program tuition & materials
• Overseas medical insurance
• All lodging & food costs for time in country, including program breaks
• Local transportation
• Visa-fees & visa-related travel
• Not covered: passports, vaccinations, dependents, personal travel or entertainment
**Duration of Overseas Study Preference**

- **Boren Fellows**
  - 15.3%: < 11 weeks
  - 84.7%: 25-52 weeks

- **Boren Scholars**
  - 4.3%: < 11 weeks
  - 19.7%: 12-24 weeks
  - 76.1%: 25-52 weeks

- **U.S. Students Abroad (2018/19)**
  - 66.6%: < 11 weeks
  - 31.0%: 12-24 weeks
  - 2.4%: 25-52 weeks

Applicants to blue-colored countries must specify a viable alternative plan in another country appropriate for the same language of study. Applicants for Arabic, Mandarin, and Russian must specify a viable alternative plan in another country appropriate for the same language.
# Language Preferences

**Africa:**
- Af. Indigenous Languages
- Akan/Twi
- Amharic
- Bambara
- French*
- Hausa
- Lingala
- Portuguese
- Swahili
- Wolof
- Yoruba
- Zulu

**Eurasia:**
- Albanian
- Armenian
- Azerbaijani
- Belarusian
- Bosnian
- Bulgarian
- Croatian
- Czech
- Georgian
- Hungarian
- Kazakh
- Kyrgyz
- Moldovan
- Persian
- Polish
- Romanian
- Russian
- Serbian
- Slovak
- Slovenian
- Tajik
- Turkmen
- Ukrainian
- Uzbek

**East Asia:**
- Cambodian
- Cantonese
- Gan
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Javanese
- Korean
- Malay
- Mandarin
- Tagalog
- Thai
- Uighur
- Vietnamese

**Latin America:**
- Haitian Creole
- Portuguese

**Middle East & North Africa:**
- Arabic (and dialects)
- Hebrew
- Kurdish
- Turkish

**South Asia:**
- Bengali
- Hindi
- Kannada
- Malayalam
- Nepali
- Pashto
- Punjabi
- Sinhala
- Tamil
- Telegu
- Urdu

*French is a preferred language only under the African Flagship Languages Initiative*
## Field of Study Preferences

### STEM:
- Agricultural & Food Sciences
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer & Info. Sciences
- Cybersecurity
- Engineering
- Environmental Studies
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Medical Sciences
- Nursing
- Physics
- Public Health

### Non-STEM:
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Area Studies
- Business
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Int’l Affairs
- Int’l Development

### Additional Categories:
- Languages
- Law
- Linguistics
- Military Science
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Admin.
- Social Sciences
- Social Work
- Sociology
Federal Job Search Support & Resources

- NSEP Service Team
- Exclusive & featured opportunities on NSEPnet
- Special hiring authorities for other federal jobs
- Federal Employment Seminar
- Boren Forum
- Resume consulting
- Student loan repayment
Boren Awards for ROTC

The Boren Scholarships encourage participation by undergraduate ROTC cadets and midshipmen, who are strong candidates due to their commitment to national security and government service.

Just click Yes on the question that asks if the applicant is in ROTC.

See also

Critical language scholarships for ROTC
Priority Agencies + Contractors

Department of Defense
Department of Homeland Security
Department of State
Intelligence Community

+ USAID

(18 organizations!)
OTHER AGENCIES EMPLOYING BOREN ALUMNI
APPLICATION ELEMENTS

• Essays
• Letters of Recommendation
  • 2 for Scholars + optional 3rd
  • 3 for Fellows
  • Language proficiency eval. (optional)
• Transcript(s)
• Study Plan Summary
• Research Abstract, Methodology & Affiliation (optional, for Fellows)
ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Essay # 1:
• National Security Argument

Essay # 2:
• Preparation for Extended Overseas Study
• Future Career Plans & Leadership Qualities for Government Service
APPLICATION DEADLINES

BORENSCHOLARSHIPS
February 2, 2022

BORENFELLOWSHIPS
January 26, 2022

National deadlines are for study that will begin after June 4, 2022 and before March 1, 2023.
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