**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 INITIATIVES
   • BOREN RUN PROGRAMS

2.) SELF-IDENTIFIED PROGRAMS
   • EVERYTHING ELSE!
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

BORENS FELLOWSHIPS

Develop a study plan:
- Language study (required!)
  + Academic study (optional)
  + Internship (optional)
  + Graduate research (optional)
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

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Boren Award recipients study abroad for much longer than the average U.S. Study Abroad student, with 74% of Boren Scholars and 84% of Boren Fellows pursuing long-term study abroad programs.

### ROTC and Veterans

9.1% (19) of 2022 Boren Scholarship recipients are enrolled in ROTC.

3.4% (7) of 2022 Boren Scholarship recipients are veterans.

5% (6) of 2022 Boren Fellowship recipients are veterans.
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
- Telugu
- 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
- 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 job opportunities
• Special hiring authorities for other federal jobs
• Federal Employment Seminar
• NSEP Alumni Association
• Resume consulting
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 on the question that asks if the applicant is in ROTC.

See also

Critical language scholarships for ROTC
U.S. Veterans – Preferred Status

U.S. Veterans

Average Boren Applicant - 26% Acceptance Rate

U.S. Veteran Applicants
49% Acceptance Rate

Boren Award Results 2009–2021
PRIORITY AGENCIES + CONTRACTORS

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

18 organizations including Space Force!
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

BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS
February 1, 2023

BOREN FELLOWSHIPS
January 25, 2023

National deadlines are for study that will begin after June 3, 2023 and before March 1, 2024
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