



**2011 Boren Fellow Alumna  
Natalie Breen  
Arabic, Egypt\***

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**“Boren has made me more marketable to employers and allowed me to catch the eye of my current employer, the U.S. State Department. In addition, Boren got me through the door of the U.S. State Department.”**

***Natalie now works as a New Media Producer at the Bureau of International Programs at the Department of State.***

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2011 Boren Scholar Alumna  
Lorraine Keeler  
Portuguese, Brazil\*

**“Environmental studies isn’t always the first thing that comes to mind when you think of U.S. national security, but I was able to make the connection, and I’m proud to be a Boren Scholar.”**

*Lorraine now works as a Consular Adjudicator for the U.S. Foreign Service at the Department of State.*

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2014 Boren Fellow Alumna  
Julie Hundersmark  
Arabic, Jordan\*

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**"My Boren experience enhanced my linguistic, cultural and cross-cultural skills in important ways. I believe my Boren experience will serve me well wherever my career takes me."**

*Julie is now an Asia Pacific Program Specialist with the U.S. Forest Service Office of International Programs.*

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Dr. Aaron Johnson  
Thai, Thailand\***

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**“The Boren award offers the opportunity to gain insights and in-depth knowledge of countries and a particular issue/research area that most would give anything to have.”**

***Dr. Johnson now works as a Worldwide Refugee Officer for the Department of Homeland Security.***

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2005 Boren Scholar Alum  
Daniel Gopman  
Russian, Russia\*

**“If you have an earnest desire to provide expertise in area-knowledge to the federal government, pursuing a Boren Award will help you to follow a more direct path toward your goal.”**

*Daniel is now a Physicist for the National Institute of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce.*

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