



Opportunities for Students of BUSINESS

After researching study abroad programs, I realized the Boren Awards best aligned with my goals and needs. I decided to study in China, as it is imperative for the U.S. to have Americans who can speak the language, understand the culture, and effectively do business with the Chinese. For an international business major, Shanghai is an ideal place to study because of its amplified role in finance and banking and as a major destination for corporate headquarters, all of which stimulates demand for a highly educated and modernized workforce.

-Boren Scholar, China

Many business students have received Boren Awards, studying languages, taking relevant coursework, and researching economic issues in Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Here are some examples of what business students have done overseas with a Boren Award:

- Researched the role of solar energy in job creation for the female workforce in Bangladesh
- Interned at an NGO designing, managing, and implementing sustainable development programs throughout Thailand and profiled 500 micro and small enterprise owners to illuminate their barriers to growth
- Researched the availability of credit to small business owners in China
- Interned with an international development consulting firm in the Republic of Georgia and researched administrative barriers that impede foreign and domestic investment
- Studied Modern Standard Arabic at the University of Jordan Language Center in Amman, Jordan
- Studied Swahili language, cultural and development topics, and disparities in education in Kenya

Examples of Service

Boren Alumni have fulfilled their service requirement in a variety of federal positions related to business and economics. Examples include:

- An economic development advisor on a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) project to establish and develop farmer associations in southern Serbia
- A consultant for the African Development Foundation working with partners in Nigeria to develop project proposals for new small and medium sized enterprises
- An advisor for the Micro and Small Finance Enterprise Facility, working with local banks in Kyrgyzstan to set up micro lending departments