Opportunities for Students of LAW

“Federal clerkships are highly sought-after in the legal profession and they usually pit very comparable candidates against each other. My judge somehow picked me for one of three spots, out of about 800 applications. I’m virtually positive this experience wouldn’t have happened without my fellowship.”

- Boren Fellow, China

Many law students have participated in the Boren Awards program, studying languages, taking law-related coursework, and researching legal issues in Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Below are examples of what law students have done overseas with a Boren Award:

- Studied Japanese criminal law and law enforcement system at Keio University
- Enrolled in classes on Islamic law and legal institutions at the University of Science and Technology in Jordan
- Interviewed and observed lawyers, law professors, and NGO personnel regarding advocacy strategies employed by South African human rights lawyers
- Investigated Kazakhstan’s implementation of legislation related to the protection of ethnic minorities and the promotion of stability between different ethnic groups
- Researched the problems regarding Economic Land Concessions and land registration in Cambodia and assessed solutions for the national and local governments
- Interned in India to study the political challenges to power sector reform and to assist with implementing regulations

Examples of Service:

Boren Alumni who have graduated from law school have fulfilled their service in a variety of federal positions including:

- A federal clerkship that included serving as a delegate in Russia to conduct a clinic on jury trials
- A position at the Department of the Interior coordinating departmental policy on legislation related to homeland security
- A position with the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs developing policies on international narcotics and crime
- A trial attorney for the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section of the U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Division
- A position at the United States Air Force Judge Advocate Corps