



National Security Education Program

The National Security Education Program (NSEP) is designed to build a broader and more qualified pool of U.S. citizens with foreign language and international skills. Established by Congress in 1991, NSEP consists of multiple initiatives, including Boren Scholarships, Boren Fellowships, and the Language Flagship. Boren Scholarships and Fellowships provide funding for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study the languages and cultures of Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

	Boren Scholarships	Boren Fellowships
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undergraduate student matriculated in U.S. college or university• Planning to study abroad in an eligible world region• U.S. Citizen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matriculated in, or applying to, a U.S. graduate program• Planning to study an eligible world region and language• U.S. Citizen
Funding:	\$20,000 for a full academic year \$10,000 per semester \$8,000 for summer (8+ weeks)	\$24,000 for overseas study \$30,000 for a combination of domestic and overseas study
Length:	Full academic year or semester programs are open to all applicants. Summer awards are only available to students in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.	Maximum domestic and overseas funding period is 2 years. Overseas study must be a minimum of 12 weeks and preference will be given to programs of 6-12 months.
Language:	Proposed program must include formal study of an appropriate foreign language	Proposed program must include formal study of an appropriate foreign language
Deadlines:	February 7, 2019 *Campus representatives will set earlier, on-campus deadlines	January 30, 2019

Service:

NSEP enhances the capacity of the federal sector to deal effectively with the challenging global issues of the 21st century. In exchange for financial support, Boren Scholars and Fellows commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation in a position with national security responsibilities. NSEP's Service Requirement is the cornerstone of the Boren Awards program, and the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and State, or any element of the Intelligence Community are priority agencies in which to fulfill service. If an award recipient demonstrates to NSEP that no appropriate position is available in one of these agencies, (s)he must seek to fulfill the requirement in a position with national security responsibilities in any federal department or agency. Approval of service outside of a priority agency is contingent upon satisfactory demonstration of a full and good faith effort in accordance with conditions established by NSEP. Securing federal employment is incumbent upon the award recipient.

The federal government is always hiring. For examples of currently-posted federal jobs and a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the NSEP Service Requirement, visit borenawards.org.

All applications are available online at
BorenAwards.org



Boren gives preference to applicants who are committed to government service and applying for countries, languages, and fields of study that are critical to U.S. national security. Applications for non-preferred areas should make a compelling case that such study will contribute to U.S. national security and the goals of the Boren program.

Commitment to Government Service

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a desire for a career with the federal government.

Preferred Countries

Europe/Eurasia

Albania
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Czech Republic
Estonia
Georgia
Hungary
Kazakhstan
Kosovo
Kyrgyzstan
Latvia
Macedonia
Moldova
Montenegro
Poland

Romania
Russia*
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Tajikistan
Ukraine*
Uzbekistan

East & South Asia

Bangladesh*
Cambodia
China
India
Indonesia
Japan
Korea, South
Malaysia
Nepal
Pakistan*

Africa

Angola
Benin
Cape Verde
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the*
Congo, Rep. of the
Côte d'Ivoire
Eritrea*
Ethiopia
Ghana
Kenya*
Mali*
Liberia
Mozambique

Nigeria*
Rwanda
Senegal
Sierra Leone
South Africa
Tanzania
Uganda

Latin America

Argentina
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Cuba
El Salvador
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras*
Mexico
Nicaragua

Panama
Peru
Venezuela*

Middle East

Algeria
Bahrain
Egypt*
Israel
Jordan
Kuwait
Lebanon*
Morocco
Oman
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Tunisia*
Turkey*
United Arab Emirates

*You may apply for a 2019 Boren Award to study in one of these countries; however, you must include a viable alternate plan in another appropriate country for the same language of study.

Preferred Languages

Albanian
African Indigenous Languages
Akan/Twi
Amharic
Arabic (and dialects)
Armenian
Azerbaijani
Bambara
Belarusian
Bengali
Bosnian
Bulgarian

Cambodian/Khmer
Cantonese
Croatian
Czech
French (in Africa)
Gan
Georgian
Haitian
Hausa
Hebrew
Hindi
Hungarian
Indonesian

Japanese
Javanese
Kanarese
Kazakh
Korean
Kurdish
Kyrgyz
Lingala
Macedonian
Malay
Malayalam
Mandarin
Moldovan

Nepali
Pashto
Persian
Polish
Portuguese
Punjabi
Romanian
Russian
Serbian
Sinhala
Slovak
Slovenian
Swahili
Tagalog

Tajik
Tamil
Telegu
Thai
Turkmen
Turkish
Uighur
Ukrainian
Urdu
Uzbek
Vietnamese
Wolof
Yoruba
Zulu

Preferred Fields of Study

Agricultural and Food Sciences
Area Studies
Engineering and Sciences
(including: biology, chemistry, physics, environmental science, mathematics)

Business and Economics
Computer and Information Sciences
Foreign Languages
Health and Biomedical Science
History

International Affairs
Law, Political Science, & Public Policy Studies
Social Sciences
(including: anthropology, psychology, sociology)

Preferred Length of Study

Boren highly values cultural and linguistic immersion overseas. Therefore, preference will be given to Boren applicants proposing full academic year study overseas.

For more information, contact:

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