

## About the 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 nine initiatives that represent broad strategic partnerships with the U.S. education community and that serve the needs of U.S. national security and national competitiveness. These initiatives integrate the best components of language learning and international education, developed in conjunction with progressively-minded partners throughout the United States.

## About the Institute of International Education

An independent not-for-profit founded in 1919, the Institute of International Education (IIE) has a network of 18 offices worldwide to foster mutual understanding, develop global leaders, and protect academic freedom worldwide through educational exchange and training programs funded by government and private sources. On behalf of NSEP, IIE administers Boren Scholarships, Boren Fellowships, The Language Flagship, and Project GO.

## Program Options & Maximum Awards

### BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants select a study abroad program in consultation with their study abroad office and Boren Campus Representative.

- \$20,000/Academic Year
- \$10,000/Semester
- \$8,000/Summer (science, technology, engineering, mathematics majors only)

### BOREN FELLOWSHIPS

Applicants design their programs in consultation with academic advisors to include language study and optional elements of additional courses, research, or academic internships.

- \$30,000/Domestic and Overseas Study
- \$24,000/Year Overseas
- \$12,000/Semester Overseas

### SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Eligible Boren Scholarships and Fellowships applicants may apply for several special initiatives, including regional language initiatives. See [www.borenawards.org](http://www.borenawards.org) for more.

*“Never in our history has it been more important for America’s future leaders to have a deep understanding of the rest of the world. As we seek to lead through partnerships, respect for and understanding of other cultures and languages is absolutely essential.”*

— David L. Boren,  
President University of Oklahoma  
and former U.S. Senator



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## David L. Boren Scholarships & Fellowships

Sponsored by the National Security Education Program (NSEP), Boren Awards provide funding for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad:

- Africa
- Asia
- Central and Eastern Europe
- Eurasia
- Latin America
- Middle East

Through long-term overseas study, Boren Scholars and Fellows learn to communicate across cultures, and analyze economic, political, religious, and societal events from local, national, and global perspectives. In exchange for funding, Boren recipients agree to work in qualifying national security positions in the U.S. federal government.



### Eligibility

#### BOREN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

- Must be matriculated undergraduate student in an accredited U.S. institution

#### BOREN FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

- Must be a matriculated in or applying to a graduate degree program in an accredited U.S. institution

#### ALL APPLICANTS

- Must be able to complete Boren-funded programs before graduation
- Must plan to study in an eligible world region
- Must be a U.S. citizen

### Application Preferences

Preference is given to applicants who:

- Have a desire to work in the federal government.
- Propose countries, languages, and fields of study critical to U.S. national security, which include traditional concerns of protecting American well-being, as well as challenges of global society, such as sustainable development, the environment, disease, migration, and economic competitiveness.
- Propose long-term study abroad. Most recipients study overseas for 6 months or longer, though some go for a semester. A limited number of undergraduate students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields may be funded for summer programs of at least 8 weeks.

See [borenawards.org](https://borenawards.org) for the full list of preferences.

### NSEP Service Requirement

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. Securing federal employment is incumbent upon the award recipient. See [borenawards.org](https://borenawards.org) for more details on the NSEP Service Requirement.

### Language Study

Boren Award applications must include study of a foreign language appropriate to the proposed country or region, incorporating opportunities to advance language proficiency both inside and outside the classroom. With the exception of French and Spanish, there are no minimum language requirements. However, applicants must demonstrate a commitment to the language and a strategy for continuing language study beyond the award.

