



Opportunities for Students of MEDICINE & PUBLIC HEALTH

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

- Interned with the World Health Organization in Kosovo on a team working to combat the H1N1 pandemic in the region
- Implemented programs designed to reduce HIV and AIDS related stigma among college students in South Africa
- Studied maternal opinions on social factors contributing to malnutrition and assessed their general understanding of basic nutrition and food safety in Belen, Peru
- Studied the incidence rate of tuberculosis in children in Bangladesh and evaluated the role of the private sector in diagnosis and management of childhood tuberculosis
- Interned with NGO working with Muslim women and their doctors to better understand cultural barriers to family planning access in New Delhi
- Participated in the African Flagship Languages Initiative in Tanzania while volunteering with community-based organizations focused on HIV prevention in remote populations
- Studied Chinese at Peking University and worked with language partner who was a medical student
- Evaluated a community program in Kenya that introduced foods to malnourished youth, collecting data via follow-up interviews, surveys, and anthropometric measurements

Examples of Service

Boren Alumni who have graduated with a health related degree have fulfilled their service in a variety of federal positions including:

- A physician in a clinic funded by the Department of Defense
- A vaccine trial coordinator working on the development of a vaccine to prevent cervical cancer for the National Institute of Health's Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics
- A research associate at the Veteran's Affairs Brentwood Biomedical Research Institute
- A supervisory technical advisor for the USAID in the areas of prevention, counseling, testing, and treatment of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections
- A position implementing a grant managed by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to create a voucher-driven system for court-involved methamphetamine users to seek treatment and recovery support services
- A position at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the Poxvirus and Rabies Branch, Epidemic Intelligence Service
- A position at National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute, and a Costa Rica Vaccine Trial Coordinator