A National Security Education Program Initiative
Administered by the Institute of International Education
National Security Education Act

- Authored by Senator David L. Boren
- Originally Established in 1991
- Now Consists of Multiple Initiatives
  - Boren Scholarship
  - Boren Fellowship
  - The Language Flagship
• Provide funding for undergraduate students to study in areas critical to national security
  
  Africa · Asia · Central & Eastern Europe · Eurasia · Latin America · Middle East

• Emphasize learning less commonly taught languages

• Promote long-term linguistic and cultural immersion

• Require 1 year of federal government service
National Security

The Boren Awards focus on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study that are critical to U.S. national security.

They draw on a broad definition of national security, including:

- Traditional national security concerns of protecting & promoting American well-being
- Challenges of global society, such as
  - sustainable development
  - environmental degradation
  - global disease and hunger
  - population growth and migration
  - economic competitiveness

All applicants must demonstrate how their programs and future goals are connected to this broad understanding of national security.
Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- An undergraduate at an accredited U.S. college/university
- Not graduating until after Boren funding period
- Planning to study in an eligible world region
- Planning to study a foreign language
Maximum Award Amounts

$20,000/Year

$10,000/Semester

Can be used for:

- Tuition & Fees
- Room & Board
- Round-Trip Airfare
- Books
- Local Transportation
- Health Insurance
Special STEM Initiative

Up to $8,000 for summer study (minimum of 8 weeks)

Science
Technology
Engineering
Mathematics

STEM students may also apply for semester & year programs.

All other applicants must plan to study overseas for at least a semester.
Visiting your campus representative & study abroad office.

Do your own research online (www.iiepassport.org).

Identify programs with the appropriate level of language instruction.

Apply on time!
Preferences

- Countries
- Languages
- Fields of Study
- Length of Study
- Commitment to Government Service
Preferred Countries

Albania  Albania
Algeria   Algeria
Angola    Angola
Argentina Argentina
Armenia   Armenia
Azerbaijan Azerbaijan
Bahrain   Bahrain
Belarus   Belarus
Benin     Benin
Bosnia and Herzegovina Bosnia and Herzegovina
Brazil    Brazil
Bulgaria  Bulgaria
Cambodia  Cambodia
Cape Verde Cape Verde
Chile     Chile
China     China
Colombia  Colombia

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Cuba      Cuba
Czech     Czech
Republic  Republic
Egypt     Egypt
El Salvador El Salvador
Eritrea*  Eritrea*
Ethiopia  Ethiopia
Georgia   Georgia
Ghana     Ghana
Guatemala Guatemala
Haiti     Haiti
Honduras  Honduras
Hungary   Hungary
India     India
Indonesia Indonesia
Israel    Israel
Japan     Japan
Jordan    Jordan
Kazakhstan Kazakhstan
Kenya     Kenya
Korea, South Korea, South
Kosovo    Kosovo
Kuwait    Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan Kyrgyzstan
Lebanon*  Lebanon*
Liberia   Liberia
Macedonia Macedonia
Malaysia  Malaysia
Mali*     Mali*
Mexico    Mexico
Moldova   Moldova
Montenegro Montenegro
Morocco   Morocco
Mozambique Mozambique
Nicaragua Nicaragua
Nigeria   Nigeria
Oman      Oman
Pakistan* Pakistan*
Panama    Panama
Peru      Peru
Philippines Philippines
Poland    Poland
Qatar     Qatar
Romania  Romania
Russia    Russia
Rwanda    Rwanda
Saudi Arabia Saudi Arabia
Senegal   Senegal
Serbia    Serbia
Sierra Leone Sierra Leone
Slovakia  Slovakia
Slovenia  Slovenia
South Africa South Africa
Sri Lanka Sri Lanka
Syria*    Syria*
Taiwan    Taiwan
Tajikistan Tajikistan
Tanzania  Tanzania
Thailand  Thailand
Timor-Leste Timor-Leste
Tunisia   Tunisia
Turkey    Turkey
Uganda    Uganda
Ukraine   Ukraine
United Arab Emirates United Arab Emirates
Uzbekistan Uzbekistan
Venezuela Venezuela
Vietnam   Vietnam
Yemen*    Yemen*

* Given the current security situation, we do not anticipate making awards to these countries in 2013.
**Preferred Languages**

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* These languages are part of the African Languages Initiative.
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Preferred Fields of Study

- Agricultural and food sciences
- Engineering and sciences:
  - 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
- Social sciences:
  - Anthropology, psychology, sociology
Exceptions to Preferences

We cannot list all countries, languages, and fields of study that are critical to U.S. national security.

We will accept applications for non-preferred areas where the candidate can make a compelling case that such study can contribute significantly to U.S. national security and the goals of the program.
Preferred Length of Study

Preference is given to applicants planning to spend an academic year or 6-12 months overseas.

Note: Applicants proposing overseas programs of 3-6 months, especially those in the STEM fields are encouraged to apply.
Commitment to Government Service

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a desire to work in the federal government.
Fulfilling the Service Requirement

Term: 1 year
Deadline: Begin within 3 years of graduation

Resources:
- NSEP Staff
- NSEPnet.org
- Boren Forum
- Several hiring authorities
Government Service: Priority Areas

In exchange for funding, Scholars and Fellows agree to seek employment in one of these priority areas:

- Department of Defense
- Department of State
- Department of Homeland Security
- The Intelligence Community
If a Scholar or Fellow does not find a suitable position in one of the priority areas, they can pursue any position within the federal government that contributes to national security.

Examples of previously accepted alternatives:

And many more!

After making a documented good-faith effort to find a position in the federal government, awardees may pursue positions in education directly related to the NSEP-funded language study or geographical experience.
Supplementary Materials

- 2 Recommendation Letters
- Transcript(s)
- Study Abroad Program Description
- Language Self-Assessment
- Language Proficiency Form (optional)

Online Application Includes

- Study Abroad Program Selection
- Budget
- 2 Essays
Essay #1: Rationale

- Explain how country and language are important to national security.

- Describe how this experience will help to achieve future career goals, include plans to fulfill the service requirement.

Essay #2: Study Abroad Program Description

- Describe the selected study abroad program (courses, cultural activities, support services, etc).

- Describe plans for learning the language. (before, during, and after)
National deadlines are for study that will begin after June 1, 2013.

Boren Scholarships: February 13, 2013*
*Students are encouraged to work closely with their campus representative, who will set earlier, on-campus deadline.
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