Boren Fellowships for Graduate Students

Application Deadline: Fri, 01/31/2014
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Description

Boren Fellowships provide up to $30,000 to U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency. Boren Fellowships support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Boren Fellowships are funded by the National Security Education Program (NSEP), which focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. Applicants should identify how their projects, as well as their future academic and career goals, will contribute to U.S. national security.

Eligibility

Boren Fellowships are for graduate students. You are eligible to apply for a Boren Fellowship if you are:

- A U.S. citizen at the time of application
- Either matriculated in or applying to a graduate degree program at a U.S. college or university located within the United States and accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Boren Fellows must remain matriculated in their graduate programs for the duration of the fellowship and may not graduate until the fellowship is complete.
- Planning an overseas program that meets home institution standards in a country outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand.

Boren Fellowships are not for study in the United States.
Requirements

- All Boren Scholars must study a foreign language appropriate to the country in which they are studying abroad. Visit the Boren Web site for a list of languages.
- All applicants must demonstrate how their study programs and future goals are connected to the following broad understanding of national security.

The program focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. It draws on a broad definition of national security, recognizing that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global society, including: sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic competitiveness.

- Government Service: In exchange for fellowship funding, all Boren Fellows must agree to work in the Federal Government in a position with national security responsibilities. The Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, State, or any element of the Intelligence Community are priority agencies. See the Boren Web site for more information on the service requirement.
- Boren Fellowships are awarded with preference for countries, languages, and fields of study critical to U.S. national security. Preference is also given to students who will study abroad for longer periods of time, and who are highly motivated by the opportunity to work in the federal government.
- Boren Fellowship applicants design their own programs and may combine domestic language study with overseas study or research. Study of a foreign language appropriate to the identified country or region must be an integral part of each application proposal.

How to Apply

- **Study the Boren Fellowship Web site closely.**
- Before starting the online application, remember to read the application instructions.
- Add noreply@borenfellowship.org to your safe sender list. All automatic emails from the system will come from this address, including submission confirmation, password resets, and login information for your referees. See Boren Web site for more information.
- Submit the online application, which includes the following items:

  1. Three mandatory essays. Visit the Boren Web site for more information about developing a proposal.
  2. A detailed budget section. Visit the Boren Web site for more information about developing a budget section.
3. Three online reference forms. If your application includes a research component, one of the letters must be from your research advisor. Remember to tell your referees to add noreply@borenfellowship.org to their safe sender lists.

4. Optional online language proficiency form.

5. Letter of overseas affiliation - If possible, applicants should upload a letter from an academic institution, research institute, non-governmental organization, and/or an individual who is aware that the applicant is planning study and/or research in that country and is willing to assist the applicant in coordinating his or her plans. Visit the Boren Web site for more information about letters of affiliation.

- Send required supplementary materials to IIE.
- Hard copy official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate degrees earned or worked towards (including overseas institutions).
- All online components must be submitted, and all original supplementary material must arrive at the below address, by the application deadline of January 31, 2013.

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