# National Security Education Program

The National Security Education Program (NSEP) is a major federal initiative 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

**Eligibility:**
- Undergraduate student matriculated in U.S. college or university
- Planning to study abroad in an eligible world region
- U.S. Citizen

**Funding:**
- $20,000 for a full academic year
- $10,000 per semester
- $8,000 for summer (8+ weeks)

**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.

**Language:**
- Proposed program must include formal study of an appropriate foreign language

**Deadlines:**
- February 4, 2015
  *Campus representatives will set earlier, on-campus deadlines

**Service:**

The goal of NSEP is to enhance 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 incur a service obligation. To date, more than 2,300 awardees have fulfilled service. The NSEP Service Requirement states that award recipient 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. If an award recipient demonstrates to NSEP that no appropriate position is available in one of these agencies, the award recipient must then 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 good-faith effort in accordance with NSEP-established conditions. If an award recipient demonstrates to NSEP that no appropriate position is available in the Federal Government, the award recipient may petition NSEP to fulfill the requirement in an education position directly related to the language(s) or area(s) studied by the individual under NSEP support. The education option is only available after exhausting all opportunities to fulfill the requirement through a Federal position in accordance with conditions established by NSEP.

## Boren Fellowships

**Eligibility:**
- Matriculated in or applying to a U.S. graduate program
- Planning to study an eligible world region and language
- U.S. Citizen

**Funding:**
- $24,000 for overseas study
- $30,000 for a combination of domestic and overseas study

**Length:**
- 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

**Deadlines:**
- January 27, 2015

All applications are available online at [BorenAwards.org](http://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 commitment to work in the federal government.

Preferred Countries

**Europe/Eurasia**
- Albania
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Georgia
- Hungary
- Kazakhstan
- Kosovo
- Kyrgyzstan
- Macedonia
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- Poland
- Romania

**Asia**
- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Brunei Darussalam
- Cambodia
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Korea, South
- Korea, North
- Laos
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Taiwan

**Africa**
- Angola
- Benin
- Cape Verde
- Congo, Dem. Rep. of the
- Congo, Rep. of the
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Mali
- Liberia
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- Rwanda

**Middle East**
- Algeria
- Bahrain
- Egypt
- Israel
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Morocco
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Syria
- United Arab Emirates
- Yemen

**Latin America**
- Argentina
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Cuba
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Peru
- Venezuela

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

Preferred Languages

- Albanian
- Bulgarian
- Cambodian
- Cantonese
- Croatian
- Czech
- Greek
- Georgian
- Hausa
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Hungarian
- Japanese
- Javanese
- Kanarese
- Kazakh
- Khmer
- Korean
- Kurdish
- Kyrgyz
- Lingala
- Macedonian
- Malay
- Malayalam
- Mandarin
- Moldovan
- Pashto
- Persian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Punjabi
- Romanian
- Russian
- 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
- Business and Economics
- Computer and Information Sciences
- Engineering and Sciences
  (including: biology, chemistry, physics, environmental science, mathematics)
- 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.

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