

## 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.

	<b>Boren Scholarships</b>	<b>Boren Fellowships</b>
<b>Eligibility:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergraduate student matriculated in U.S. college or university</li> <li>• Planning to study abroad in an eligible world region</li> <li>• U.S. Citizen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matriculated in or applying to a U.S. graduate program</li> <li>• Planning to study an eligible world region and language</li> <li>• U.S. Citizen</li> </ul>
<b>Funding:</b>	\$20,000 for a full academic year \$10,000 per semester \$8,000 for summer (8+ weeks)	\$24,000 for overseas study \$30,000 for a combination of domestic and overseas study
<b>Length:</b>	Full academic year or semester programs are open to all applicants. Summer awards are only available to students in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.	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.
<b>Language:</b>	Proposed program must include formal study of an appropriate foreign language	Proposed program must include formal study of an appropriate foreign language
<b>Deadlines:</b>	<b>February 4, 2015</b> *Campus representatives will set earlier, on-campus deadlines	<b>January 27, 2015</b>

**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 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

<b><u>Europe/Eurasia</u></b>	Russia	Taiwan	Senegal	Peru
Albania	Serbia	Thailand	Sierra Leone	Venezuela
Armenia	Slovakia	Timor-Leste	South Africa	
Azerbaijan	Slovenia	Vietnam	Tanzania	<b><u>Middle East</u></b>
Belarus	Tajikistan		Uganda	Algeria
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Turkey	<b><u>Africa</u></b>		Bahrain
Bulgaria	Ukraine	Angola	<b><u>Latin America</u></b>	Egypt
Croatia	Uzbekistan	Benin	Argentina	Israel
Czech Republic		Cape Verde	Brazil	Jordan
Georgia	<b><u>Asia</u></b>	Congo, Dem. Rep. of the*	Chile	Kuwait
Hungary	Cambodia	Congo, Rep. of the	Colombia	Lebanon*
Kazakhstan	China	Eritrea*	Cuba	Morocco
Kosovo	India	Ethiopia	El Salvador	Oman
Kyrgyzstan	Indonesia	Ghana	Guatemala	Qatar
Macedonia	Japan	Kenya	Haiti	Saudi Arabia
Moldova	Korea, South	Mali*	Honduras	Syria*
Montenegro	Malaysia	Liberia	Mexico	Tunisia
Poland	Pakistan*	Mozambique	Nicaragua	United Arab Emirates
Romania	Philippines	Nigeria	Panama	Yemen*
	Sri Lanka	Rwanda		

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

#### Preferred Languages

Albanian	Bulgarian	Kanarese	Persian	Tamil
African Languages	Cambodian	Kazakh	Polish	Telegu
Akan/Twi	Cantonese	Khmer	Portuguese	Thai
Amharic	Croatian	Korean	Punjabi	Turkmen
Arabic (and dialects)	Czech	Kurdish	Romanian	Turkish
Armenian	Gan	Kyrgyz	Russian	Uighur
Azerbaijani	Georgian	Lingala	Serbian	Ukrainian
Bahasa Indonesian	Hausa	Macedonian	Sinhala	Urdu
Bambara	Hebrew	Malay	Slovak	Uzbek
Belarusian	Hindi	Malayalam	Slovenian	Vietnamese
Bengali	Hungarian	Mandarin	Swahili	Wolof
Bosnian	Japanese	Moldovan	Tagalog	Yoruba
	Javanese	Pashto	Tajik	Zulu

#### Preferred Fields of Study

Agricultural and Food Sciences	Business and Economics	International Affairs
Area Studies	Computer and Information Sciences	Law, Political Science, & Public Policy Studies
Engineering and Sciences (including: biology, chemistry, physics, environmental science, mathematics)	Foreign Languages	Social Sciences (including: anthropology, psychology, sociology)
	Health and Biomedical Science	
	History	

#### 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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