# National Security Education Program

The National Security Education Program (NSEP) is 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:**
- Temple Deadline December 15, 2016

## 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 31, 2017

## Service:

NSEP enhances 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 commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation in a position with national security responsibilities. NSEP’s Service Requirement is the cornerstone of the Boren Awards program, and the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and State, or any element of the Intelligence Community are priority agencies in which to fulfill service. If an award recipient demonstrates to NSEP that no appropriate position is available in one of these agencies, (s)he must 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 full and good faith effort in accordance with conditions established by NSEP. Securing federal employment is incumbent upon the award recipient.

The federal government is always hiring. For examples of currently-posted federal jobs and a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the NSEP Service Requirement, visit borenawards.org.

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All applications are available online at [BorenAwards.org](http://BorenAwards.org)
BOREN SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDY

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizen at the time of application
- Matriculated undergraduate
- Studying abroad in fall 2017, spring 2018, or future semesters
- Students majoring in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) may apply if they are studying abroad in summer 2017 (starting June 1 or after, minimum 8 weeks long) or the semesters listed above.
- Studying in Eastern Europe, Latin America, Asia, or Africa and can make an argument for how study in the country you’ve chosen impacts US national security
- Studying a critical language while abroad or studying French/Spanish at an advanced level
- Can commit to NSEP Service Requirement, which states that scholarship awardees work in the Federal Government in a position with national security responsibility for one year after graduation

Steps to Apply

1. Ensure you meet the eligibility requirements listed above.
2. Thoroughly review the Boren website, borenawards.org, to familiarize yourself with the program and watch this video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=_R6gwkgyRfU
3. Attend a Boren Information Session on campus.
4. Meet with the Boren Campus Representative to discuss your application.
5. Submit drafts of the two application essays to the Boren Campus Rep for review.
7. Revise your essays and send to Boren Campus Rep and a Writing Center tutor for further review.
8. Submit completed application materials and final copies of your essays to your Campus Rep by December 15th.
9. Applicants will be interviewed on campus by a review committee in early January and may be asked to make further revisions to their essays at that time.
10. Once you have approval from your Campus Rep, submit your application online.

Application

The Boren application requires two essays. Your Campus Rep will provide feedback on your essays.

- One:
  - Explain the significance of your proposed study abroad experience (including the region you selected, its culture, and the language you will study) to U.S. national security, broadly defined.
  - Describe how the country, language, and study abroad program you selected will help you achieve your career goals, including your plans to fulfill the federal service requirement.
  - Describe how the skills you will gain during your Boren program of study, including linguistic and cultural competencies, as well as past academic, extracurricular, volunteer, internship, and professional experiences, will help you help you fulfill the federal service requirement. Be specific.

- Two:
  - Describe the study abroad program’s course of study and related cultural activities, as well as the administrative and support services provided (i.e., facilities, housing, resident director, etc.).
  - Describe the language component in as much detail as possible, including the number of classroom contact hours and informal language study opportunities outside of the classroom.
  - Describe your past experience in studying or speaking the language (or another language if relevant), as well as your plans for continuing to study and/or speak the language following your Boren Scholarship.

Application materials include the following. See the Boren website for details about each submission.

- Online application which includes a study abroad program section and budget section
- Two letters of reference from faculty members
- OFFICIAL Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. Freshmen must also include high school transcripts
- Language self-assessment form (downloaded from Boren website)
- Language proficiency form (optional - downloaded from Boren website)
- One page study abroad program description with cost information. This may be a page from the program's website or a photocopy of part of the program brochure.

The on campus application deadline for fall 2017, spring 2018, and summer 2018 is December 15, 2016. Boren Campus Representative: Belinda Christensen, Temple Education Abroad: belinda@temple.edu.