

David L. Boren Scholarship/Fellowship

Purpose	To promote long-term linguistic and cultural immersion in countries critical to national security/national interests, with a focus on less commonly taught languages.
Award	
<i>Tenable</i>	For study abroad in most countries, EXCEPT for English-speaking countries and those in Western Europe. Spanish-speaking countries also require a high-level of language proficiency.
<i>Number & Amount</i>	Number varies. Amount depends on duration/program cost. Scholarship: up to \$25,000 for study abroad. Fellowship: Up to \$25,000 for study abroad + up to \$12,500 for domestic language study (but no more than \$30,000 max. between the two).
<i>Duration</i>	<i>Scholarship</i> : semester or year. Summer study abroad possible for STEM majors (8 weeks or longer). Year programs (25 weeks or more) receive priority consideration. Full summer + semester would be considered a year. <i>Fellowship</i> : one semester to one year abroad plus option for language study domestically.
Eligibility	
<i>Who</i>	US citizen. Career goals broadly related to national security and/or national interests abroad. Major related to those future goals.
<i>When</i>	Freshman to seniors may apply for scholarship. Matriculated graduate students may apply for the fellowship.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Quality and feasibility of planned program. Program must build/advance language skills and feature more than 20 hours/week of language study. Career goals that relate to issues of national security (broadly construed). Record should evince commitment and ability regarding goals.
Campus Deadline	Campus deadline is typically in December or January.
Deadline	Late January for fellowship and early February for scholarship in recent years.
Application	Online application. Essay One: "Explain the significance of your proposed region, country and language to U.S. national security. Essay Two: applicant covers several items under the umbrella of <i>Motivation and Public Service Careers</i> . Two to three letters of reference. Estimate of program costs. Enrollment documentation. Transcripts. Language proficiency report. Campus review form for scholarship.
Contact	Beth Powers is the Boren Campus Representative. Reach her at 207 Leadership Studies Building or (785) 532-3422. Make contact in the fall semester if possible.
Other	Awardees must work for the government for at least one year after graduation. Defense, Homeland Security or State, or within the Intelligence Community (IC) are priority but students can make a case for other government agencies as well. More information is available at www.borenawards.org . Those planning careers in the IC might also check out www.intelligence.gov .

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