Name: David L. Boren Fellowship – Boren Award for International Study

Website: http://www.borenawards.org/boren_fellowship

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Award Type: Graduate Study Abroad & Public Service

Who Can Apply: You are eligible to apply for a Boren Fellowship if you are:

- A U.S. citizen at the time of application.
- Either enrolled in or applying to a graduate degree program at an accredited U.S. college or university located within the United States. To receive the award you must provide evidence of admission and enrollment in such a program.
- Boren Fellows must remain enrolled in their graduate programs for the duration of the fellowship.
- Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a desire to work in the federal government.

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. interest, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin American, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. Fellowships enable both masters and doctoral level students representing a broad range of academic and professional disciplines to add a significant language and international dimension to their curricula. Boren Fellows study less commonly taught languages, including but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Swahili. Funding is available for both domestic and overseas support. Boren Fellows must fulfill NSEP requirements of one year to begin within two years of graduation.

The primary factors in the selection of Fellows are:

- Demonstrated academic excellence
- Comprehensive, clear, and feasible proposal
- Clear plan and demonstrated commitment to develop, maintain, or advance language competence
- Clear and cogent explanation of the relevance of the proposed study to U.S. national security
- An expressed commitment to federal service.

Award Amount: Boren Fellowships provide support for overseas or domestic study, or a combination of both. The minimum period of support is one academic semester. The maximum level of support for a combined overseas and domestic program is $30,000 over 24 months. Actual support levels will be determined by each individual project budget and the length of the project. No fellowship, whether overseas only, domestic only, or combined, may exceed a total of two academic years. Boren funding can begin no earlier than June 2015.

Funding from other sources may be combined with the fellowship, but Fellows must inform IIE of any additional funding they receive. Budget line items cannot be duplicated.

National Deadline: Late January, 2015 5:00 p.m. East Coast Time