

Boren Scholarships and Fellowships

- **Purpose**
 - Boren Scholarships and Fellowships are an initiative of the National Security Education Program. They provide unique funding opportunities for highly motivated U.S. undergraduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. federal national security interests, and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. In exchange for funding, Boren Scholars and Fellows commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation.
- **Eligibility Requirements**
 - Student must be a U.S. citizen at the time of application.
 - Student must be a high school graduate, or have earned a GED.
 - Boren Scholars must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program located within the United States accreditation by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
 - Boren Scholars must remain enrolled in their undergraduate programs for the duration of the scholarship and may not graduate until the scholarship is complete.
 - Boren Scholars must be applying to a program in a country of which they are not a citizen
 - Boren Scholars must be applying to a study abroad program that meets home institution standards in a country outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand.
 - Boren Fellows must be enrolled in or applying to a graduate degree program at a U.S. college or university located within the United States and accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
 - Boren Fellows must remain enrolled in their graduate programs for the duration of the fellowship and may not graduate until the fellowship is complete.
- **Selection Process**
 - Applications are reviewed and recipients will be notified by late April.
- **Application Process**
 - Students can expect the following requirements throughout the process:
 - Online application including an essay
 - Three letters of recommendation
 - Official transcripts for all college coursework. Freshmen include high school transcripts
 - Language self-assessment and proficiency forms
 - One page study abroad program description with cost information or If you set up a direct enrollment or individually arranged study abroad program, please provide two letters of support. The first letter should be from your home institution and the second letter should be from your overseas host institution.
 - Boren Scholarship Deadline: late January
 - Boren Fellowship Deadline: late January
- **Campus Contact**
 - To apply, contact ECU Faculty Representative, Dr. Todd Fraley, at fraleyt@ecu.edu.
- **Website Link**
 - For more information, please visit www.borenawards.org.
- **Recent ECU Recipients**
 - Keziah Illidge - 2021
 - Hannah Potter - 2012

