



**Undergraduate
Boren Scholarships**
up to \$25,000

Deadline: February 3, 2021

**Graduate
Boren Fellowships**
up to \$30,000

Deadline: January 27, 2021

**BUILD PROFICIENCY IN A
FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

Boren Scholars and Fellows study a wide range of critical languages, including **Arabic, Hindi, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian, and Swahili**. Boren Awards are available to students of all proficiency levels who are committed to enhancing their skills.

**IMMERSE YOURSELF IN
ANOTHER CULTURE**

Boren Scholars and Fellows from diverse fields of study immerse themselves in the cultures in world regions critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad, including **Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East**.

LAUNCH A CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Boren Awards alumni are committed to public service, applying their language skills, cultural knowledge, and academic credentials in careers critical to U.S. national security throughout the federal government, including the **Departments of State, Defense, and Homeland Security, and USAID**.

MAXIMUM AWARDS:

\$25,000 / 25-52 weeks*

\$12,500 / 12-24 weeks

**\$8,000 / 8-11 weeks (undergraduate
STEM majors only)**

*25 weeks or more is the preferred duration overseas for non-STEM majors

ELIGIBILITY:

- U.S. citizen
- Planning to study a foreign language in an eligible world region
- Matriculated in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at an accredited U.S. institution or applying to graduate school
- Non-citizen of destination country

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The Boren Awards are an initiative of the Defense Language and National Security Education Office of the U.S. Department of Defense



PREFERRED COUNTRIES & LANGUAGES

Latin America:

- Haitian
- Portuguese

Middle East & North Africa:

- Arabic (and dialects)
- Hebrew
- Kurdish
- Turkish

Africa:

- All Indigenous Languages
- Akan/Twi
- Amharic
- Bambara
- French (AFLI only)
- Hausa
- Lingala
- Portuguese
- Swahili
- Wolof
- Yoruba
- Zulu

East Asia:

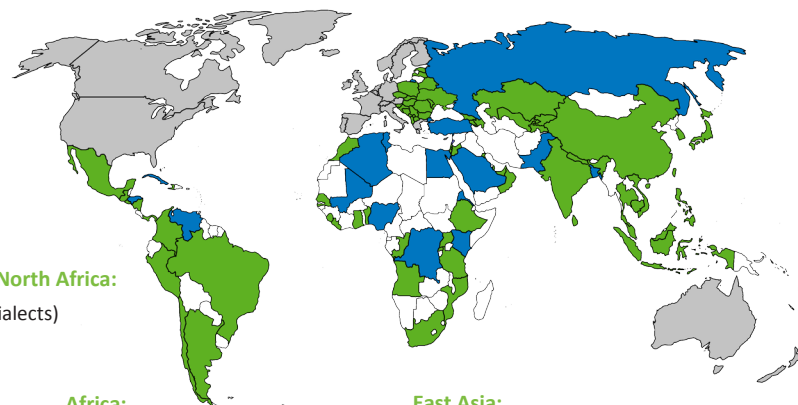
- Cantonese
- Gan
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Javanese
- Khmer (Cambodian)
- Korean
- Malay
- Mandarin
- Tagalog
- Thai
- Uighur
- Vietnamese

Eurasia:

- Albanian
- Armenian
- Azerbaijani
- Belarusian
- Bosnian
- Bulgarian
- Croatian
- Czech
- Georgian
- Hungarian
- Kazakh
- Kyrgyz
- Moldovan
- Persian
- Polish
- Romanian
- Russian
- Serbian
- Slovak
- Slovenian
- Tajik
- Turkmen
- Ukrainian
- Uzbek

South Asia:

- Bengali
- Hindi
- Kanarese
- Malayalam
- Nepali
- Pashto
- Punjabi
- Sinhala
- Tamil
- Telegu
- Urdu



Boren Awards fund study of languages and countries that are critical to U.S. national security. The map above indicates preferred destinations for Boren-funded programs, shaded green and blue. Countries shaded in blue remain preferred but are unlikely to be approved for travel in 2021.

Boren Awards applications must include study of a foreign language appropriate to the proposed country or region. With the exception of French and Spanish, there are **no minimum proficiency requirements** for acceptance into the program. However, applicants must demonstrate a commitment to language study during and after receiving the award.

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Thousands of Boren Awards alumni have started careers in these priority agencies:



Department of Defense



Department of Homeland Security



Department of State & USAID



USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



Intelligence Community

NATIONAL SECURITY & CAREERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

The Boren Awards are an initiative of the Defense Language and National Security Education Office (DLNSEO) at the U.S. Department of Defense, which focuses on the combined issues of language proficiency, national security, and the needs of the federal workforce. DLNSEO initiatives are designed to attract, recruit, and train future federal leaders.

Boren Scholars and Fellows make a commitment to work in the U.S. federal government for a minimum of one year. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a desire for a longer-term career with the federal government.

Boren Scholars and Fellows are eligible for exclusive opportunities and preferential consideration for federal government jobs. These include positions in the fields of:

- Diplomacy
- Defense
- Cybersecurity
- Economic Development
- Scientific Research
- Intelligence
- Medical & Public Health
- Legal Professions
- Commerce & Financial Regulation
- Agriculture
- Energy & Sustainability
- Immigration & Border Security

All positions with the priority agencies or their contractors will fulfill the service requirement. Work for other federal agencies and contractors may fulfill the service requirement, but these are approved on a case-by-case basis.

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REGIONAL FLAGSHIP LANGUAGE INITIATIVES

In addition to self-identified programs, Boren Scholars and Fellows have the opportunity to apply for any of the **fully-funded**, credit-bearing intensive language programs listed below. All regional Flagship Language Initiatives include:

- Domestic summer intensive language program (June to August 2021)
- Fall overseas intensive language program (August to December 2021)
- Spring overseas program (Optional, Self-Identified)

All Flagship Language Initiatives are open to both undergraduate and graduate students. There is no minimum proficiency requirement for any language *except for French, which requires intermediate-high or better oral proficiency.

AFRICAN FLAGSHIP LANGUAGES INITIATIVE (AFLI)

Summer Domestic Programs hosted at a U.S. university (to be announced Fall 2020)

Fall Overseas Programs:

- **French:** Host to be announced in Senegal
- **Swahili:** Host to be announced in Tanzania
- **Akan/Twi:** Program identified by applicant in Ghana
- **Wolof:** Program identified by applicant in Senegal
- **Zulu:** Program identified by applicant in South Africa



SOUTH ASIAN FLAGSHIP LANGUAGES INITIATIVE (SAFLI)

Summer Domestic Programs hosted at the University of Wisconsin, Madison

Fall Overseas Programs:

- **Hindi:** American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) in Jaipur, India
- **Urdu:** AIIS in Lucknow, India



INDONESIAN FLAGSHIP LANGUAGE INITIATIVE (IFLI)

Summer Domestic Program for Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia) hosted at the University of Wisconsin, Madison

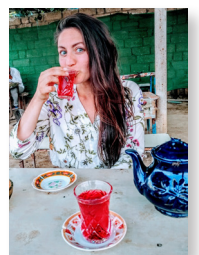
Fall Overseas Program for Indonesian hosted at the State University of Malang, Indonesia



TURKISH FLAGSHIP LANGUAGE INITIATIVE (TURFLI)

Summer Domestic Program for Turkish hosted at the University of Wisconsin, Madison

Fall Overseas Program for Turkish hosted at the Azerbaijan University of Languages in Baku, Azerbaijan



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