

LANGUAGE STUDIES WORKSHOP

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WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

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Language and Cultural Immersion

Available for students in all levels of study International/travel component



BOREN OVERVIEW

The Boren Awards provide funding opportunities for students to add an **international and language component** to their education in regions essential to **U.S. national security** (Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East).

COMMITMENT TO GOVERNMENT SERVICE

In return for their awards, Boren Scholars and Fellows are asked to serve in one of four priority areas of the federal government for at least one year.

- The Intelligence Community
- Department of State
- Department of Defense
- Department of Homeland Security





ELIGIBILITY

- A United States citizen
- Must not graduate until the award is complete (graduating seniors need to complete extra steps- please be in contact with us)
 - Boren Scholarship – undergraduate students
 - Boren Fellowship – graduate students
- Planning to study in an eligible world region
- Planning to study a foreign language



BOREN SCHOLARSHIP BASICS

You will need to be able to complete this sentence.

I would like to spend _____ months in _____ to
(amount) (country)

immerse myself in _____ language and culture because I
(language)

want to address _____ in my federal government
(national security concern)

position with _____.
(federal department)



BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS SPECIAL INITIATIVES

■ STEM

- Lower minimum of 8 weeks

■ ROTC

- ROTC commitment meets Boren commitment

■ FLAGSHIPS

LANGUAGES*	OFFICIAL DOMESTIC PROGRAM (SUMMER 2018)	OFFICIAL OVERSEAS PROGRAM (FALL 2018)
Akan/Twi	Language Program at the University of Florida	No official program available
French	Language Program at the University of Florida	American Councils Program in Senegal
Portuguese	Language Program at the University of Florida	American Councils Program in Mozambique
Swahili	Language Program at the University of Florida	American Councils Program in Tanzania
Wolof	Language Program at the University of Florida	No official program available
Zulu	Language Program at the University of Florida	No official program available



BOREN SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

- **Boren Scholarships Campus Deadline**
 - Wednesday, January 16, 2019 @ 3 PM EST

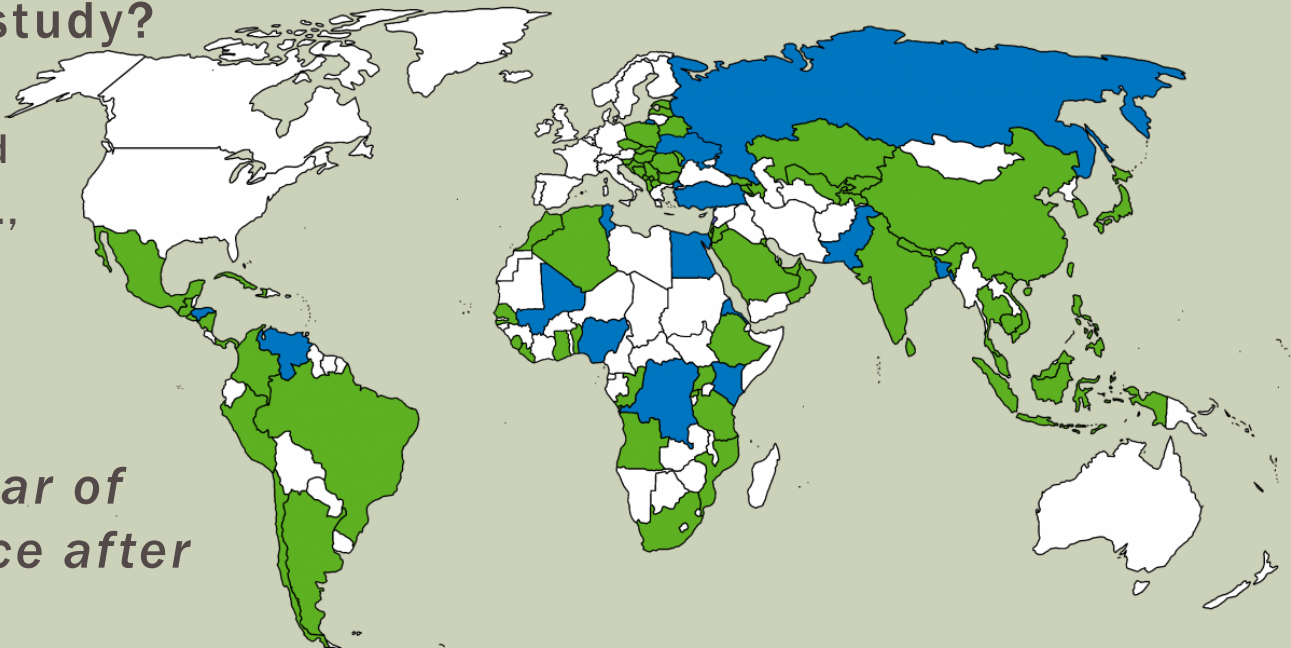
- **Boren Scholarship National Deadline**
 - Thursday, February 9, 2018 @ 5 PM EST

BOREN FELLOWSHIP BASICS

- Funds 12 weeks to 1 year of language study overseas
 - Longer projects preferred. Emphasis upon cultural/linguistic immersion.
- Max. Award: \$30,000
 - Up to \$24,000 for overseas study
 - Up to \$6,000 for domestic language study (i.e. in the U.S.) as a supplement

■ Where can you study?

- Any blue country
- Green = preferred
- I.e. – Not the U.S., Western Europe, Canada, AUS-NZ (and a bunch of other countries)



- Requires *one year of government service after award!!!*



LANGUAGES & FIELDS OF STUDY

- Agricultural and Food Sciences
- Area Studies
- Business and Economics
- Computer and Information Sciences
- Foreign Languages
- Health and Biomedical Science

- History
- International Affairs
- Law
- Mathematics
- Sciences and Engineering
- Social Sciences
- Political Science and Policy Studies

- African Languages
- Akan/Twi
- Albanian
- Amharic
- Arabic
- Armenian
- Azerbaijani
- Bambara
- Belarusian
- Bengali
- Bosnian
- Bulgarian
- Cambodian
- Cantonese
- Croatian
- Czech

- Gan
- Georgian
- Haitian
- Hausa
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Hungarian
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Javanese
- Kanarese
- Kazakh
- Khmer
- Korean
- Kurdish
- Kyrgyz
- Lingala

- Macedonian
- Malay
- Malayalam
- Mandarin
- Moldovan
- Nepali
- Pashto
- Persian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Punjabi
- Romanian
- Russian
- Serbian
- Sinhala
- Slovak
- Slovenian

- Swahili
- Tagalog
- Tajik
- Tamil
- Telegu
- Thai
- Turkmen
- Turkish
- Uighur
- Ukrainian
- Urdu
- Uzbek
- Vietnamese
- Wolof
- Yoruba
- Zulu



FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

■ Boren Fellowship Deadline

- January 30th, 2019 (applicants will be notified by mid-to-late April)

■ Application Requirements

- All college/university transcripts
- An 800-word essay outlining the significance of your proposed country, region, and language of study to U.S. national security with a specific, focused argument. This essay should also speak to how your proposed project will help you fulfill your career goals, including how you plan to fulfill your federal service.
- A 1,000-word essay describing your plan of study, research, and/or internship in detail (Boren funds any or all of these). Include institutional/personal affiliations. This essay should state your specific linguistic goals, your plan for language development, and the feasibility of the overall plan.
- An outlined and annotated budget
- Three letters of recommendation, a letter of language proficiency, and language self-assessment (online), and a letter of overseas affiliation (optional)



CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) institutes provide fully-funded group-based intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences for eight to ten weeks during the summer for U.S. citizen undergraduate, Master's and Ph.D. students.



LANGUAGE PREREQUISITES

- Azerbaijani, Bangla, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Swahili, Turkish, & Urdu: No previous study required
- Arabic, Portuguese, & Persian: 1 year of study required
- Chinese, Japanese, & Russian: 2 years of study required

For more information regarding language prerequisites please refer to :

<http://www.clscholarship.org/about#language-levels>



CLS APPLICATION BASICS

You will need to ...

- Choose an appropriate language
- Obtain two strong letters of reference
- Complete basic demographic information on application
- Complete four essay questions (100-350 words each)
- Complete a Statement of Purpose Essay (Max. 500 words)
- Upload copies of your official transcripts

The CLS deadline is November 2018

Language Study Opportunities

- [The Taiwan Fellowship](#) – Will fund graduate students to undertake language study and/or research in Taiwan for 3 – 12 months
- The Paideia Institute – The Paideia Institute treats classical Latin and Greek as living languages, encouraging the learning of spoken Greek/Latin by contemporary students. They facilitate [scholarships](#) for study in Rome and Athens.
- [The American Institute of Indian Studies](#) (AIIS) provides fellowships for graduate students writing PhD dissertations to research and study languages in India.
- The American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) offers [fellowships](#) for intensive language study of the Turkish language.
- [Blakemore Freeman fellowships](#) provide for one year of advanced language study in East/Southeast Asia.

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- Study in Japan provides fellowships for up to two years of Japanese language study
- There also existed numerous grants for advanced study/research in foreign languages like
 - Norwegian (Study in Norway Mobility Grants)
 - Icelandic (Icelandic Government Scholarship)
- See also
 - The American Scandinavian Foundation
- DAAD is a hub for study in Germany and for the study of German. Many opportunities and scholarships are listed.

HOW ONF AND OGFA CAN HELP

- Program Identification
- Application Management
- Essay Development
- Reference Selection

Thank you!

Questions?