



Language Study Opportunities

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Critical Language Scholarship



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- Languages
 - Arabic (1 year of study req'd)
 - Azerbaijani
 - Bangla
 - Chinese (2 years of study req'd)
 - Hindi
 - Indonesian
 - Japanese (2 years of study req'd)
 - Korean
 - Persian (1 year of study req'd)
 - Punjabi
 - Russian (2 years of study req'd)
 - Swahili
 - Turkish
 - Urdu
- 8-10 week intensive overseas language and cultural immersion program
- Covers one academic year of language study
- Benefits
 - International and domestic travel between U.S. home city, Washington, D.C., and program site
 - Related costs for mandatory pre-departure orientation in Washington, D.C.
 - Visa fees, language instruction, room, board, program-sponsored travel within host country
 - Entrance fees for program activities
- U.S. Citizen
- Enrolled in an accredited U.S. degree-granting program at time of application



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- Requirements
 - Online application
 - 5 Short Essays
 - Statement of Purpose (500 words)
 - 3-350 word essays
 - 1-100 word essay
- Selection Criteria
 - Academic record and potential to succeed in a rigorous academic setting
 - Commitment to language learning
 - Connection between target language and career/academic goals
 - Ability to adapt to an intensive program and a challenging cultural environment
 - Unique perspective and contributions to the CLS Program.



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FELLOWSHIPS

ELIGIBILITY

CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES

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ABOUT US



LANGUAGE

Boren Awardees study a wide range of **critical languages**, including Arabic, Chinese, Portuguese, and Swahili. Ranging from novice to superior, all Boren Awardees are committed to learning languages and increasing their **proficiency**.

CULTURE

Boren Awardees study in **world areas** underrepresented in study abroad, and graduate with expertise in their chosen **fields of study, language,** and the cultures of Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

SERVICE

Boren Awardees are committed to **public service**. Boren Alumni are working in international and **national security** positions throughout the Federal Government, including the Departments of State, Defense, and Homeland Security, and USAID.



Boren Fellowship

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Boren Fellowships, an initiative of the National Security Education Program, provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. graduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Boren Fellows represent a vital pool of highly motivated individuals who wish to work in the federal **national security arena**. In exchange for funding, Boren Fellows **commit to working in the federal government for at least one year** after graduation.



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

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

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

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

*Boren funding for these languages is also available outside of AFLI or SAFLI, and Portuguese can also be studied in Brazil.

**African languages indigenous to one of the [emphasized countries](#) in Africa are also preferred.



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- 12 weeks – 1 year overseas
- Preference is given to programs of 6 months or longer
- Broad definition of national security
 - Protecting and promoting American well-being
 - Sustainable development
 - Environmental degradation
 - Global disease and hunger
 - Population growth and migration
 - Economic competitiveness



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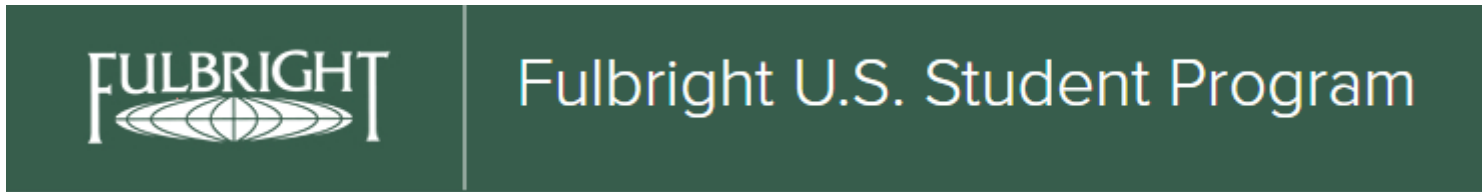
- Requirements
 - Online application
 - Transcripts
 - Two Essays
 - Significance of proposed country to U.S. national security and how your program will help you achieve your career goals (800 words)
 - Plan of study (1,000 words)
 - Budget
 - 3 Letters of Recommendation
 - Language Proficiency Evaluation (optional)
 - Letter of Overseas Affiliation (if possible)



Other Opportunities



The Melikian Center: Russian, Eurasian & East European Studies





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