

Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Boren Scholarship

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Section	Brief description	More information
1. Award	<p>The <i>Boren Scholarship</i> gives U.S. undergraduate students the opportunity to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad.</p> <p>The <i>Boren Fellowship</i> is available to graduate students (current or applicants).</p> <p>The Boren Scholarships offer a special initiative for undergraduate STEM majors. The scholarships fund up to \$8,000 for summer study (minimum of 8 weeks) for students majoring in the STEM fields.</p>	<p>https://borenawards.org/</p> <p>All other applicants must plan to study overseas for at least a semester. STEM field majors are also encouraged to apply for semester and year programs.</p>
2. Eligibility	<p>US citizens. Undergraduate who apply for the Boren Scholarship may not graduate until after the scholarship is completed. Scholarship must be used for a study abroad program recognized by Smith in a country <i>outside</i> the US, Canada, Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand.</p>	<p>Eligible Study Programs</p>
3. Timing	<p>Applications are due late January or early Feb. Maximum scholarship awards for continuous periods overseas are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$8,000 for a summer program (special initiative for STEM students only; 8 weeks minimum) • \$12,500 maximum for 12-24 weeks • \$25,000 maximum for 25-52 weeks 	<p>Smith encourages STEM students to consider Boren for summer programs.</p>
4. Selection Criteria	<p>Boren Scholarships are awarded with preference for countries, languages, and fields of study critical to U.S. national security. Study of a foreign language appropriate to the identified country or region must be an integral part of each application. Preference is also given to students who will study abroad for longer periods of time, and who are highly motivated by the opportunity to work in fed. govt. In 2021, 188 Boren Scholars were selected from 626 undergraduate applications.</p>	<p>Selection Criteria</p> <p>Except for French and Spanish, there are no minimum language requirements. Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to the language and demonstrate how he or she will continue studying the language beyond the scholarship period.</p> <p>Boren Scholars must make a commitment to working in the federal government for a minimum of one year to start no more than three years following graduation.</p>
5. Smith Role	<p>The Fellowship Program will organize an on-campus review of Boren Scholarship applications.</p>	<p>Boren Scholarship applicants should share a complete draft application by the end of the first week in Dec.</p>
6. Fun fact(s)	<p>Would service in a non-priority agency, such as the U.S. Peace Corps fulfill the service reqt?</p>	<p>Yes. Award recipients have fulfilled their requirement in organizations such as the EPA, the Department of Commerce, the U.S. Peace Corps, and various other federal agencies.</p>
7. How to get started	<p>Contact Fellowships Program staff fellowships@smith.edu</p>	