



Boren gives preference to applicants who are committed to government service and applying for countries, languages, and fields of study that are critical to U.S. national security. Applications for non-preferred areas should make a compelling case that such study will contribute to U.S. national security and the goals of the Boren program.

Commitment to Government Service

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a desire for a career with the federal government.

Preferred Countries

<u>Europe/Eurasia</u>	Romania	Philippines	Nigeria*	Panama
Albania	Russia*	Sri Lanka	Rwanda	Peru
Armenia	Serbia	Taiwan	Senegal	Venezuela*
Azerbaijan	Slovakia	Thailand	Sierra Leone	
Belarus	Slovenia	Timor-Leste	South Africa	<u>Middle East</u>
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Tajikistan	Vietnam	Tanzania	Algeria
Bulgaria	Ukraine*		Uganda	Bahrain
Croatia	Uzbekistan	<u>Africa</u>		Egypt*
Czech Republic		Angola	<u>Latin America</u>	Israel
Estonia	<u>East & South Asia</u>	Benin	Argentina	Jordan
Georgia	Bangladesh*	Cape Verde	Brazil	Kuwait
Hungary	Cambodia	Congo, Dem. Rep. of the*	Chile	Lebanon*
Kazakhstan	China	Congo, Rep. of the	Colombia	Morocco
Kosovo	India	Côte d'Ivoire	Cuba	Oman
Kyrgyzstan	Indonesia	Eritrea*	El Salvador	Qatar
Latvia	Japan	Ethiopia	Guatemala	Saudi Arabia
Macedonia	Korea, South	Ghana	Haiti	Tunisia*
Moldova	Malaysia	Kenya*	Honduras*	Turkey*
Montenegro	Nepal	Mali*	Mexico	United Arab Emirates
Poland	Pakistan*	Liberia	Nicaragua	
		Mozambique		

*You may apply for a 2019 Boren Award to study in one of these countries; however, you must include a viable alternate plan in another appropriate country for the same language of study.

Preferred Languages

Albanian	Cambodian/Khmer	Japanese	Nepali	Tajik
African Indigenous Languages	Cantonese	Javanese	Pashto	Tamil
Akan/Twi	Croatian	Kanarese	Persian	Telegu
Amharic	Czech	Kazakh	Polish	Thai
Arabic (and dialects)	French (in Africa)	Korean	Portuguese	Turkmen
Armenian	Gan	Kurdish	Punjabi	Turkish
Azerbaijani	Georgian	Kyrgyz	Romanian	Uighur
Bambara	Haitian	Lingala	Russian	Ukrainian
Belarusian	Hausa	Macedonian	Serbian	Urdu
Bengali	Hebrew	Malay	Sinhala	Uzbek
Bosnian	Hindi	Malayalam	Slovak	Vietnamese
Bulgarian	Hungarian	Mandarin	Slovenian	Wolof
	Indonesian	Moldovan	Swahili	Yoruba
			Tagalog	Zulu

Preferred Fields of Study

Agricultural and Food Sciences	Business and Economics	International Affairs
Area Studies	Computer and Information Sciences	Law, Political Science, & Public Policy Studies
Engineering and Sciences (including: biology, chemistry, physics, environmental science, mathematics)	Foreign Languages	Social Sciences (including: anthropology, psychology, sociology)
	Health and Biomedical Science	
	History	

Preferred Length of Study

Boren highly values cultural and linguistic immersion overseas. Therefore, preference will be given to Boren applicants proposing full academic year study overseas.

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