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OVERVIEW OF BOREN AWARDS



Boren awards fund study abroad in countries not ordinarily visited by American students. Students must be U.S. citizens to apply; they should have a GPA of 3.3+.

BOREN AWARDS - DEFINITIONS

- **Boren Awards** are administered by The Institute of International Education (IIE).
- **Boren Scholarships** pay for one semester or one year of academic study abroad for U.S. undergraduates. Boren Scholars must remain matriculated in their undergraduate programs for the duration of the scholarship. Study-abroad programs for one year are preferred.
- **Boren awards** focus on countries, languages, and fields critical to U.S. national security, recognizing a broad definition that includes traditional concerns of protecting American well-being, as well as the challenges of the global society, such as sustainable development, environmental issues, disease, migration, women's rights, and economic competitiveness.
- **Grants from the Language Flagship Program** are designed to help students achieve superior-level proficiency in critical languages. Flagship students participate in intensive language programs offered at selected undergraduate institutions.
- **The African Flagship Languages Initiative (AFLI)** offers Boren Scholars the opportunity to study African languages (e.g., Swahili, Yoruba, Zulu, Akan/Twi, Hausa, Wolof, and Portuguese) in domestic and overseas language programs.
- **The Indonesian Flagship Language Initiative (IFLI)** offers Boren Scholars the opportunity for intensive study of the Indonesian language (Bahasa Indonesia) through a combination of domestic and overseas programs.
- **The South Asian Languages Flagship Initiative (SAFLI)** offers Boren Scholars the opportunity to study South Asian languages (e.g., Hindi & Urdu) in domestic and overseas language programs.
- **The Turkish Flagship Language Initiative (TURFLI)** offers Boren Scholars the opportunity for intensive study of the Turkish language through a combination of domestic and overseas programs.
- **Service requirement:** In exchange for funding, all recipients of Boren grants must be willing to complete a term of service equal to that of their award either to the Federal Government or in an area of education related to their language study.

AWARD AMOUNTS ≈ BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS:

- \$8,000 for a summer program (8-11 weeks; STEM majors only; see below)
- \$12,500 for a semester (12-24 weeks)
- \$25,000 for a full academic year (25-52 weeks)

SPECIAL INITIATIVE FOR STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS) MAJORS:

Boren Scholarships fund up to \$8,000 for summer study (8-11 weeks) for students majoring in the STEM fields. All other applicants must plan to study overseas for at least a semester. STEM field majors may also apply for semester and year program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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TO START YOUR APPLICATION:

- Consult with your faculty adviser about your plan.
- For information on potential study abroad programs, see Prof. Martha Sledge, Study Abroad Coordinator. Email: msledge@mmm.edu
- Read up on the Boren application process and familiarize yourself with the Boren website.
- Download and complete a *Pre-Application for Boren Awards* from the Boren/Fulbright website on the MMC homepage. Forward it, along with all of the supplementary documents, to Prof. Bell. Please remember to indicate your availability for meetings. You will meet regularly with Prof. Bell as you prepare your application.

MEET MARYMOUNT STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED BOREN AWARDS



LEFT: Madison Weisend, '20, double majored in Environmental Studies and Politics & Human Rights; won a Boren Scholarship to study Hindi and sustainable development in India during the 2017-18 academic year. Madison also won a scholarship to undertake an intensive, eight-week immersion program in Hindi through the South Asian Flagship Languages Initiative at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

RIGHT: Christophe (Kit) Horita, '15, won a Boren Scholarship to study Kiswahili and Sociology in Tanzania and Kenya in AY 2014-15. Her award included the eight-week African Languages Initiative Domestic Summer Intensive Program at the University of Florida, Gainesville, where she honed her study of Kiswahili.



LEFT: Katelyn (Katie) Sives, '14 received an AY 2012-13 Boren Scholarship to study Spanish, Portuguese, and food security issues in Fortaleza and Belem, Brazil. Katie was an International Studies major. As part of her Boren Scholarship, Katie worked with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

RIGHT: Alvin Young, '13, received an AY 2011-12 Boren Scholarship to study French and Arabic in Morocco during his Junior year at MMC. After graduating from MMC, Alvin became a Program Implementation Officer at Impact Network and a Yale Young African Scholars Fellow at Yale University. In December 2017, Alvin was awarded a 2018 Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship to represent the United States overseas.

