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**ELIGIBILITY**

- U.S. citizens at the time of the national application deadline
- A high school graduate, or have earned a GED
- At least 18 years of age or older at the time of the national application deadline
- Planning an overseas program in a country outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand
- Planning to study in a country of which they are not a citizen
- Matriculated for the duration of their Boren Awards-funded program in an undergraduate or graduate degree program located within the United States and accredited by a body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education
- (For ROTC cadets and midshipmen and members of the military Reserves or National Guard) In inactive, non-drilling status for the duration of their Boren Awards-funded program

**WORKING WITH THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS**

The Office of National Fellowships (ONF) supports all of Florida State University’s Goldwater applicants. Assistance is offered in the form of individual student meetings to discuss candidacy and project ideas, essay construction and revision assistance, and technical support. Material resources include writing guides, sample essays, and reference letter guides. For more information regarding the Boren Scholarship, please contact:

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Fund study abroad by U.S. undergraduate students in world regions critical to U.S. interests.

Maximum awards are determined by duration abroad:  
Up to $25,000 for 25-52 weeks (preferred)  
Up to $12,500 for 12-24 weeks  
Up to $8,000 for 8-11 weeks (STEM majors only)
2024 Internal Boren Application Process

FSU’s Boren Faculty Committee brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in foreign affairs to the application process, and allows applicants to receive feedback from experts in the fields of International Affairs, Political Science, Urban & Regional Planning, Emergency Management, and others. This internal process is built for the applicant’s benefit; they not only receive critiques for their overall application, but can earn a campus endorsement submitted by FSU’s Boren Faculty Committee.

In order to receive the aforementioned benefits, it is imperative applicants meet the November 30th deadline. This deadline is made to ensure both the applicant has time to prepare their materials, the committee has time to review the materials, and the winter holiday can be used for further improvements (or a well-deserved break). For the campus deadline, an application will be considered complete if it has the following:

1. Finished application form
2. Full drafts of both the National Security & Motivations/Public Service Career essays
3. Two letters of recommendation (a third letter is optional)
4. Unofficial copy of transcripts
5. Language proficiency evaluation (optional)

All application materials must conform to the application guidelines set by the Boren Scholarship and IIE; for more information, visit their website at borenawards.org. Failure to meet the campus deadline will jeopardize the committee’s ability to review your application, and will likely result in the applicant applying ‘at-large.’

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

"I have always sought to work in public service on foreign policy matters. The Boren Scholarship not only has allowed me to learn a critical language for my professional career, but it as allowed me to communicate and understand cultures that I have never been exposed to before."

"Apply no matter what you think the result will be. I applied to this program thinking that I wouldn’t win the award and I got it. Do not underestimate your professional and personal experiences on your application. Boren is looking at applicants from all walks of life and academic backgrounds."