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# What are NCSs and why should I apply?

- Nationally Competitive Scholarships
  - External to UH
  - Typically merit based
  - Often applied to tuition, fees, living stipend
- Can launch an academic career
- Huge networking potential
- Often associated with employment opportunities

# Major Awards to Study Abroad

- State Department Programs
  - Fulbright U.S. Student Program
  - Critical Language Scholarship
  - Boren Scholarship
  - Gillman Award



# FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

## Fulbright U.S. Student Program Basic Information

# Types of Fulbright Grants

- **Study/Research (Academic)**
  - Complete a graduate degree program
  - Complete an independent research project
  - Combination of study/research
  - Creative arts proposal
- **English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)**
- **National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship**
- **Fulbright-Clinton Public Policy Fellowship**

# Eligibility and Benefits

## Eligibility

- Must be a U.S. citizen at time of application
- Must have a bachelor's degree before start of award
  - Master's and Ph.D. students are eligible
  - Can NOT hold a Ph.D. at time of application

## Benefits

- Round trip airfare
- Living stipend
- Basic health insurance
- *Spouse/dependent support*
- Additional benefits vary by country

# Application Components

## **Core Application Components**

- Personal Statement (1 page)
- Statement of Grant Purpose
  - Study/Research and Arts (2 pages)
  - ETA Applicants (1 page)
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Official Academic Transcripts

## **Additional Components**

- Letter of Affiliation (Study/Research, Arts)
- Supplementary Materials (Arts only)

# Additional Information

## Important Deadlines

- Summer Workshops – June 22, July 20, August 10
- Campus Deadline – September 2, 2016
- UH National Deadline – October 7, 2016

## Interested?

- Visit the UH Fulbright website
  - <http://www.uh.edu/fulbright/students-alumni/>
- Contact the Office of Undergraduate Research



**CLS**

**The Critical Language  
Scholarship Program**

**U.S. State Department  
Critical Language Scholarship**



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## **Language Immersion Program (Summer)**

- Sponsored by the State Department

### **Mission of Program**

- Increase number of Americans with proficiency in critical languages
- Build relationships between U.S. and other countries
- 14 critical languages
  - Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu



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## **Eligibility**

- Must be U.S. citizen at time of application
- Must be enrolled in U.S. degree granting program at undergraduate or graduate level
- May apply to CLS and Fulbright simultaneously

## **Application and Deadline**

- Online application with multiple short essays
- Two LORs required
- Anticipated Deadline: **November 16, 2016**

**Boren**  
FELLOWSHIPS



SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS  
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDY

A National Security Education Program Initiative  
Administered by the Institute of International Education



## What are the Boren Awards?

- David L. Boren National Security Education Act in 1991
- Scholarships & Fellowships
- Long Term Study Abroad
- Serious Language Study
- Public Service



David L. Boren



## Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- Planning to study a foreign language in an eligible world region
- Matriculated at an accredited U.S. institution or applying to a graduate school





## Preferred Countries

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

\*NSEP did not make awards for these countries in 2015. You may still apply for a 2016 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	Bosnian	Javanese	Pashto	Tajik
African Languages	Bulgarian	Kanarese	Persian	Tamil
Akan/Twi*	Cambodian	Kazakh	Polish	Telegu
Amharic	Cantonese	Khmer	Portuguese*	Thai
Arabic (and dialects)	Croatian	Korean	Punjabi	Turkmen
Armenian	Czech	Kurdish	Romanian	Turkish
Azerbaijani	Gan	Kyrgyz	Russian	Uighur
Bahasa Indonesian	Georgian	Lingala	Serbian	Ukrainian
Bambara	Hausa	Macedonian	Sinhala	Urdu
Belarusian	Haitian	Malay	Slovak	Uzbek
Bengali	Hebrew	Malayalam	Slovenian	Vietnamese
	Hindi	Mandarin	Swahili*	Wolof*
	Hungarian	Moldovan	Tagalog	Yoruba
	Japanese			Zulu*

\* These languages are part of the African Flagship Languages Initiative.



## Priority Agencies



**Department  
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Defense**



**Department  
of  
State**



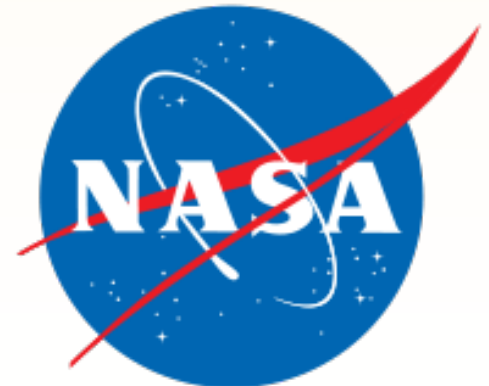
**Department of  
Homeland  
Security**



**The  
Intelligence  
Community**



## Alternative Opportunities





**Boren Scholarship Deadline: February 9, 2017**