National Security in the 21st Century

The National Security Education Program, created by Congress in 1991, addresses the need to increase the ability of Americans to communicate and compete globally by knowing the languages and cultures of other countries. NSEP embodies a recognition that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but the new challenges of a global society, including sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic competitiveness.

Expand Your International Skills and Experience

NSEP David L. Boren Graduate Fellowships offer you a unique opportunity to expand your understanding of countries and languages critical to U.S. national security. Each year, NSEP makes it possible for 85-90 graduate students to pursue the study of languages and cultures. If you are interested in studying areas of the world other than Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, NSEP may offer you an important opportunity.

Countries, Languages, and Fields of Study

NSEP emphasizes countries, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. You can select from a list that includes more than 85 countries and 45 languages. NSEP emphasizes a diverse range of fields of study, including business, political science, international affairs, science, engineering, health, law, economics, history, and other social sciences.

Eligibility, Application, and Selection

NSEP welcomes applications from U.S. citizens enrolled in or applying to a graduate degree program in an accredited U.S. college or university located within the United States. Applicants design their own programs and may combine domestic language and cultural study with overseas study. All Fellowships must include formal study of a modern language other than English and the study of an area and culture. Applications are considered in a two-stage national merit review process.

Awards are announced in early May.

Application Deadline: January 29

Service Requirement

Boren Fellowship award recipients must work in the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, State, or the Intelligence Community. If an award recipient demonstrates that no appropriate position is available in one of these agencies after making a full and good faith effort in accordance with conditions established by NSEP, s/he may work in any U.S. federal department or agency. Boren Fellows are expected to use the language or regional expertise acquired as a result of the award in their work for the U.S. government.

The length of the service requirement is equivalent to the duration of support provided by NSEP, but in no case less than one year.

Funding

Awards are made for a minimum of one and a maximum of six academic semesters (24 months).

Overseas study is based on program expenses for a maximum of $12,000 per semester for up to two semesters. The level of support for domestic study is flexible depending on the individual requirements of each applicant. The total maximum level of support for a combined domestic and overseas program is $30,000.

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