What is the Boren Scholarship?
The purpose of the Boren Scholarship is to provide up to $20,000 to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East (the Boren may not be used to fund study in Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand).

Who is eligible for the Boren Scholarship?
Boren Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:
1. U.S. citizen
2. Currently matriculated in U.S. undergraduate degree program
3. Credits from selected study abroad program must transfer to ND

Note that Boren Scholars are obligated to work for the federal government in some capacity for one year after graduation, though this service requirement can be temporarily deferred for graduate school.

Who is competitive for the Boren Scholarship?
The Boren Scholarship gives preference to those who demonstrate a commitment to government service, fall within the preferred fields of study, wish to study a preferred language in a preferred country, and plan to study abroad for more than six months. Fellowships for 3-6 months of study overseas are usually available only to STEM students. It is essential that applicants offer a clear explanation of how their plan is relevant to U.S. national security (broadly defined), demonstrate a serious commitment to foreign language study, propose a study abroad plan that is feasible and of high quality, and be capable of cultural adaptability, flexibility, and maturity. National security includes not only the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global society, such as sustainable development, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic competitiveness.

What is the application process for the Boren Scholarship?
The application is primarily online. Applications consist of the following:
1. Biographical and educational information. (complete online)
2. Budget plan for time abroad, including travel to and from. (complete online)
3. No more than 6000 characters describing the rationale behind choosing the particular study abroad experience and its connection to U.S. national security. (complete online)
4. No more than 6000 characters describing in detail the study abroad program, the program’s language component, past experience with the target language, and future plans related to the target language. (complete online)
5. 2-3 letters of reference. (delivered as hard copies to CUSE)
6. Official transcripts. (delivered as hard copies to CUSE)
7. Language self-assessment. (delivered as hard copy to CUSE)
8. Optional language proficiency form. (delivered as hard copy to CUSE)
9. Official 1-page, 1-sided description of study abroad program with cost information. (delivered as a hard copy to CUSE)
10. Campus evaluation form. (this will be produced by CUSE)

Note that applications to study abroad programs are submitted separately. After the campus application deadline, CUSE will contact you to schedule an interview with a campus evaluation committee. The interviews will help us to complete the campus evaluation form and offer us an opportunity to provide you with feedback on your application prior to the final deadline. In 2012, 1014 people applied for the Boren Scholarship and 161 (about 16%) received it.

What is the timeline for the Boren Scholarship?
- August – Application available
- Mid-November – Campus application deadline
- Early December – Campus interviews and feedback
- Early February – Final deadline for online submission
- Early May – Boren Scholars announced
- June – Orientation/convocation for Boren Scholars in Washington, DC

What is my next step if I am interested in applying for the Boren Scholarship?
Visit [http://www.borenawards.org/boren_scholarship](http://www.borenawards.org/boren_scholarship) to learn more about the Boren Scholarship. Then visit [http://fellows.nd.edu/calendar](http://fellows.nd.edu/calendar) to find out about any upcoming information sessions and workshops. Video sessions can be found at [http://www.youtube.com/user/NDFellowships](http://www.youtube.com/user/NDFellowships). You should also contact CUSE National Fellowships at fellows@nd.edu to set up a meeting to discuss the application process in more detail.