

The Institute of International Education (IIE) has announced the opening of the 2008-09 academic year competition for NSEP David L. Boren Scholarships for undergraduate students who are U.S. citizens at the time of application. Applications are available online at www.iie.org/nsep. This program awards scholarships to U.S. students for study of languages, cultures and world regions currently underrepresented in study abroad and critical to U.S. national security (including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America & the Caribbean, and the Middle East). **The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded.**

The Boren Scholarship Program emphasizes the importance of language study as a major component of your study abroad program. Study of a foreign language appropriate to the identified country must be an integral part of each proposal. In addition, you must meet any language requirements of the study abroad experience you propose. Since NSEP encourages students to study in countries whose languages are less commonly taught at U.S. institutions, it is anticipated that many students will not be familiar with the language of their chosen country. Prior study of another language will serve as an indication of interest and aptitude. Note: Study of a common language (Spanish or French) is permissible only when it is at an advanced level of competency. In such cases, the study abroad experience should not focus on language acquisition, but rather on academic course work. Special Exception: NSEP will consider applications from students at the intermediate level of Spanish or French if their field of study is in applied sciences, engineering, or business

NSEP Boren Scholarships are merit based. Award amounts are based on the study abroad costs and financial aid information provided by the applicant. The maximum award is \$8,000 for a summer, \$10,000 for a semester, or \$20,000 for a full academic year. Students must inform IIE/NSEP of any additional outside funding they receive for their study abroad program.

Application: All applications must be submitted [online](#) following an on-campus review. **The deadline for submitting your application to the on-campus review committee is December 17, 2007.** Please contact Elizabeth Mahan, Office of International Affairs, for information about the campus review process: elizabeth.mahan@uconn.edu.