

## **Pre-2005 Service Requirement for Boren Scholars and Fellows**

All pre-2005 recipients of NSEP awards must make a good faith effort to find employment with a federal agency or office with national security responsibilities. See attached list below.

If you are unsuccessful in identifying federal employment, you must fulfill the requirement through work in U.S. higher education in an area of study for which the scholarship or fellowship was awarded.

Please note: Award recipients from 1994 and 1995 may work anywhere in education to fulfill the requirement, including teaching grade school or high school.

NSEPNET (<http://nsepnet.org/>) is an important resource for fulfilling your service requirement.

If you do not have an offer for federal employment related to national security by the date of your graduation, you will receive notification that you can also fulfill the requirement through work in any federal agency or through the higher education option. Of course, your résumé will remain active on NSEPNET, and you should update it regularly.

### **Timing**

The duration of the service requirement will be equal to, but not greater than, the length of the scholarship support under Boren auspices.

Boren Scholarship recipients must complete the service requirement no later than eight (8) years after the completion of the study abroad program funded by NSEP. Boren Scholarship recipients must complete the service requirement no later than five (5) years after the date of graduation for the degree s/he was pursuing during the program funded by NSEP.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

*What happens if I fail to fulfill the service requirement?*

Award recipients are required to reimburse the U.S. Government for the full amount of assistance provided by the Boren award should they fail to fulfill the service requirement. Please be aware that opportunities for waiving or deferring the requirement are very limited.

*Will my resume be circulated, via NSEPNET, to agencies and offices of the federal government where I do not want to be considered for a position?*

No. When you complete and activate your résumé on NSEPNET, you will be specifically asked whether you do not want your resume made available to particular agencies within the Department of State, Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security or the Intelligence Community. If you answer no, a “firewall” in the system will block your information from being accessed by these agencies.

*What type of federal position will I be required to accept?*

You will be required to accept only paid positions commensurate your level of education and experience. NSEP does not have the authority to require you to accept any position, but repayment of the award may be imposed if you opt to decline a federal position that would satisfy the requirement. Accepting suitable paid or unpaid part time, temporary, and/or internship positions in the federal government may also satisfy the requirement. However, part-time work will be prorated.

*What type of position in U.S. higher education would qualify to meet the service requirement?*

Pre-2005 Boren alumni may take a secondary option to fulfill the requirement by working in the field of U.S. higher education in a discipline related to the geographic region, language, or international field of study for which the scholarship was awarded.

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**NSEP has identified a list of federal agencies and offices that automatically satisfy the pre-2005 service requirement. The list is quite extensive.**

You may also seek opportunities with agencies and offices not included on this list.

If you are successful, you will need to write a justification for the national security relevance of your proposal, which you must submit for approval. Any federal agency or office can use the special hiring authority for Boren award recipients.

Agencies and Offices of the Federal Government with National Security Responsibilities for 1996-2004 NSEP Boren Scholars:

NSEP has employed the definition of national security in the President's annual national security strategy submitted to Congress. The issues identified in this document are used to identify federal agencies and offices whose responsibilities focus on one or more of these issues. In all cases, with the exception of the Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community, the list is office specific. In these cases, an NSEP award recipient must work for the office within an agency or organization identified by NSEP as having national security responsibilities.

The list of federal agencies and offices is not intended to be comprehensive or exhaustive. Other agencies and offices of the federal government will be considered, on a case-by-case basis. Award recipients will be required to submit a statement outlining the rationale for such an agency or office and a subcommittee of the National Security Education Board will review each case.

## **Executive Departments**

### **Department of Defense:**

- All agencies and offices
- Federally funded Research and Development Centers
  - The Aerospace Corporation
  - MITRE C3I
  - RAND Corporation
  - Center for Naval Analysis
  - Institute for Defense Analysis
  - Logistics Management Institute
  - Lincoln Laboratory
  - Software Engineering Institute

### **Intelligence Community:**

- All agencies and offices

### **Department of State:**

- Foreign Embassies
- Regional and Functional Bureaus
- National Foreign Affairs Training Center

### **Department of Commerce:**

- Bureau of Export Administration
- International Trade Administration
- U.S. Foreign and Commercial Service

### **Department of Energy:**

- Office of Nonproliferation and National Security
- Office of Nuclear Energy
- Office of International Energy Policy
- National Laboratories

### **Department of Justice:**

- Drug Enforcement Administration
- National Drug Intelligence Center
- Immigration and Naturalization Service

## **Department of the Treasury:**

- Office of the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs
- U.S. Customs Service

(Note – All Executive Departments that include at least two offices within the Department that have national security responsibilities are automatically included. Other Executive Departments with only one identifiable office with national security responsibilities will be considered on a case-by-case basis.)

## **Executive Office of the President**

- National Security Council Staff
- Office of Management and Budget: National Security and International Affairs Division
- Office of National Drug Control Policy
- Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

## **Independent Agencies**

- Agency for International Development (AID): Offices responsible for sustainable development, democracy and governance, and environment
- Peace Corps
- U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
- United States International Trade Commission
- Export-Import Bank Overseas Private Investment Corporation

## **United States Congress**

- Congress Budget Office, Defense and International Affairs
- Congressional Research Service
- Selected Committee Staffs
  - United States Senate:
    - Appropriations
    - Armed Services
    - Commerce, Science, and Transportation
    - Energy and Natural Resources
    - Finance
    - Committee on Foreign Relations
    - Committee on the Judiciary
    - Select Committee on Intelligence

o United States House of Representatives:

- Appropriations
- Banking and Financial Services
- Budget
- Commerce
- Economic and Educational Opportunities
- International Relations
- Judiciary
- National Security
- Resources
- Science
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Ways and Means
- Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence