

Boren Scholar Federal Internship Awards

Detailed information

As a Boren Scholar, you have incurred a service requirement as a condition of your NSEP award, meaning you agree to seek paid or unpaid employment for a set amount of time with an agency or office in the federal government with national security responsibilities.

Many of you may consider fulfilling your service requirement through an internship. Internships in federal agencies offer opportunities to enhance your professional goals and gain valuable skills that will benefit your future career plans.

To support your efforts to secure a meaningful internship, the National Security Education Program offers the Boren Scholar Federal Internship Awards: a grant for scholarship recipients who are pursuing unpaid internship opportunities with the federal government.

The grant will provide partial coverage for travel and living expenses but will not provide salary. Internships must be with NSEP-approved federal agencies or offices. Those agencies or offices not already approved by NSEP will be considered on a case-by-case basis depending upon the national security relevance of the organization's mission.

A reminder: for years 2005 and forward, students must complete service within the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, State, or the Intelligence Community. For earlier years, note the specific restrictions that were in place at the time of your acceptance.

Award Amounts

Award stipends are a maximum of \$500 per month for a maximum of 4 months. The total amount of the award will take into consideration the length of the internship and the length of the service requirement.

Eligibility

Boren Scholars who are currently seeking or planning to seek an unpaid internship (or an internship with a monthly stipend of no more than \$500/month) as a means of fulfilling the NSEP service requirement are eligible to apply for a Boren Scholar Federal Internship Award under the following conditions:

- The Scholar has completed the NSEP-sponsored study abroad program before the start date of the internship.
- The Scholar has satisfied all NSEP requirements including:
 - o Submitting all required progress reports
 - o Taking language pre-test (where applicable) and post-test

o Completing the requirements for NSEPNET (verifying basic data and posting resume at least 12 months prior to anticipated graduation)

Any Scholars who have not yet completed reimbursement of funds to NSEP are not eligible.

Application

Boren Scholars interested in applying for an Boren Scholar Federal Internship Award must submit an application form and complete a one-page essay describing:

- The type of internship you propose (name of organization, specific duties);
- The reason for pursuing an internship, including how it relates to your study abroad experience and overall academic curriculum;
- How the internship will help meet professional goals; and
- The national security relevance of the internship.

Please note the schedule of application deadlines; awards will not be made retroactively.

Requirements

Internships may be of any length, but NSEP funding will only support up to 4 months of employment. The internship must be unpaid or must supply a monthly stipend of no more than \$500.00.

If selected for funding, the recipient must submit official proof of an internship offer, including the dates of employment. In addition, the recipient will be required to submit a final report of his/her internship to IIE/NSEP. Applicants should note that NSEP can fund only one internship award per Scholar.

Screening

Applications will be reviewed by a three-member panel made up of representatives from the National Security Education Program Office and the NSEP Group of Advisors. The review committee will recommend candidates based on the applicant's demonstration of commitment to the internship experience and the relationship of the internship to the applicant's professional and career goals.

Time Frame

NSEP will make awards three times a year, according to the following schedule.

Spring Internships (Internships which start between January -April 2007)

Deadline: December 1, 2006

Summer Internships (Internships which start between May -August 2007)

Deadline: April 13, 2007

Fall Internships (Internships which start between September -December 2007)

Deadline: August 17, 2007

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