Planning Timeline

August

- ✓ Meet with Kate Hamoonga, UW-Madison Campus Representative for Boren Awards.
- ✓ Review resources at http://borenawards.org/
- ✓ Begin your research on possible federal government agencies of interest and possible positions to fulfill your government service requirement. Consider meeting with SuccessWorks to talk through possible government jobs that might fit well with your career goals. Another good place to look at potential jobs is USAJOBS.

September

- ✓ Complete an initial draft of your application essay questions.
- ✓ Make revisions based on proof reader feedback.
- ✓ Review the Boren Awards webinars for general information and crafting competitive essays.
- ✓ Finalize your choice of federal agency and position for the government service requirement and conduct additional research on the position for inclusion of information in your scholarship application essays.

October

- ✓ Seek out additional readers for your revised application essay questions.
- ✓ Contact potential referees for the required 2 letters of recommendation. Recommenders may be academic contacts who can speak to your academic, linguistic, and personal preparation for your overseas study or future career, or professional contacts from a job or internship relevant to your future career plans. They should not be family or friends.

November

- ✓ Finalize your draft essays by having a final round of reviews.
- ✓ Send reminders to referees whom have not submitted their letter of recommendation – these are due by the UW-Madison campus deadline.

December

- ✓ Submit your completed application on-line by the UW-Madison campus deadline – you may wait to upload your official transcript until January.

January

- ✓ Meet with UW-Madison Boren Awards Committee about your application.
- ✓ Make any final revisions to your application based upon your meeting with the Campus Committee.
- ✓ Prepare and complete your final submission by the national deadline.

Applicants will be notified if they have been selected in mid-to-late April.

UW Madison Campus Resources

1. The Writing Center

Good resource for general review of essay drafts, checking for grammar, writing style, etc.

2. The Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS)

IRIS comprises the area studies centers at UW–Madison:

- Africa - African Studies Program
- Americas - Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies Program
- East Asia - Center for East Asian Studies
- Eurasia - Center for Russia, East Europe and Central Asia
- Middle East - Middle East Studies Program
- South Asia - Center for South Asia
- Southeast Asia and Oceania - Center for Southeast Asian Studies

These can be great resources in general to learn more about the region of your proposed studies but you may also find program/center staff available to help in the crafting of your essays or reviewing drafts, particularly as you make you argument about the country and region's significance to U.S. national security interests.

3. Success Works @ the College of Letters and Science

Emmeline Prattke, Career & Internship Specialist: Government, Policy, International Affairs and Law

Emmeline is a great resource to learn more about various types of government agencies and positions in those agencies. As part of your application essays you must write specifically about your intentions to fulfill the 1-year government service requirement. Stronger essays include specific details about agencies and named positions that relate to your particular academic and career interests.

4. UW-Madison Languages

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General advice on studying a language, campus resources, as well as how language learning can be applicable to long-term career interests.