

UGA receives 6 Boren Awards

Athens, Ga. – Six University of Georgia students were awarded Boren Awards this spring, which provide funding for them to study abroad during the 2020-2021 academic year in world regions critical to U.S. interests.

An initiative of the National Security Education Program, the 2020 Boren Awards will send 217 Boren Scholars and 119 Boren Fellows to live in 44 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America and the Middle East. They will study 46 different languages. Given the unprecedented global COVID-19 pandemic, IIE will work flexibly with 2020 awardees to ensure that as many as possible are able to proceed with their overseas language study when it is safe and feasible to do so.

Students commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation in exchange for up to \$20,000 in funding.

“UGA students continue to be highly competitive for this unique award,” said Elizabeth Hughes, a student affairs professional in the UGA Honors Program and the Boren Awards campus representative. “The reach of the Boren Awards extends across campus, benefitting students at all levels and in many departments. Of this year’s six recipients, three are undergraduates in UGA’s Portuguese Flagship Program and two are graduate students in MPA and MBA programs. Additionally, one recipient is an ROTC Cadet and one is a student veteran.”

UGA has had 71 Boren Scholars and Fellows to date, and 48 in the last 10 years. This year’s Boren Scholarship recipients include

- **Max Pool** of Marietta is a sophomore majoring in economics and Romance languages. He will study Portuguese in Brazil as a student in UGA’s Portuguese Flagship Program.
- **Oisakhose Aghomo** of Benin City, Nigeria, is a junior majoring in international affairs and Romance languages and minoring in African studies, Portuguese, and African languages and literature. Also a Portuguese Flagship Program student, she will study Portuguese in Brazil.
- **Steven Barrios** of Grayson is a junior majoring in consumer economics with an emphasis in applied consumer analytics. An Army ROTC cadet and student in UGA’s Portuguese Flagship Program, he will study Portuguese in Brazil.
- **Bryce Davis** of Lawrenceville is a junior majoring in statistics, minoring in computer science and mathematics, and pursuing a certificate in applied data science. He will study Korean in South Korea.

In addition to these, two graduate students were awarded Boren Fellowships, bringing UGA’s total number of awardees this year to 6.

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