The Boren Scholarship is an initiative of the National Security Education Program that funds students to study critical needs languages in nations deemed essential to US interests.

The Boren Scholarship has a service obligation of one year of work for the federal government in an agency that focuses on national security, broadly defined. Award winners enjoy several advantages in seeking federal appointment.

- Alumni are connected directly to federal employers, who are able to search Boren award recipients' resumes for specific types of expertise
- NSEP staff assist alumni in their job searches by conducting active outreach and holding consultations
- Alumni are eligible for non-competitive appointment and term appointment

Austin College has had incredible success, with four Boren Scholars named in the last five years. This would be an impressive record for an institution ten times our size.

Claire Balani ’10
Boren Award to China, 2008-2009
Fulbright Research Grant to China, 2010-2011
Currently: Adult Education Coordinator with the International Rescue Committee

Phyllis Goode ’16
Boren Award to China, 2014-2015
Peace Corps Community Economic Volunteer in Burkina Faso, 2017
Currently: Executive Assistant to the Inspector General of the US General Services Administration

Brittany Dimock ’17
Boren Award to China, 2015-2016
Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Malaysia, 2018

Brittany Subialdea ’17
Boren Award to Japan, Spring 2016
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Recipient, 2017- Present
Currently: Earning a Doctorate in Computer Science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Caitlin Lucero ’20
Boren Award to China, 2018-2019
Currently an AC Student Double Majoring in East Asian Studies and International Relations

Austin College Boren applicants enjoy an intensive mentoring process guided by faculty and staff who have served as national reviewers for the award.