

Dear [NAME],

We are Jennifer Li and Rich Girven, researchers at the RAND Corporation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research institution devoted to conducting research in the public interest. We are conducting an external, third-party evaluation of the Boren Scholarship and Fellowship Awards Program on behalf of the Defense Language and National Security Education Office (DLNSEO). DLNSEO asked RAND to look at how the Boren Awards Program affects recipients' careers and the talent pipeline of those with proficiency in critical languages, regional expertise, and cultural knowledge to jobs in the U.S. federal government.

Because you received a Boren Award, we invite you to tell us about your experience with the program and your career path since then by completing a web-based survey that will take 20-30 minutes. RAND will use the survey findings to describe the experiences and career paths of Boren Award recipients from the program's inception to the present and recommend ways to strengthen the Boren Program. Your input is valuable and will contribute to the richness of these findings. Although you are free to decline (and no one outside the research team will know whether you do), we hope you will consider participating.

To access the survey, click here [weblink will be inserted]. Questions about the survey may be directed to borensurvey@rand.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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