UW-Madison campus resources for preparing your NSEP-Boren Scholarship application

1. The Writing Center
Department of English
6171 Helen C. White Hall
(608) 263.1992
www.writing.wisc.edu
Email: wcenter@writing.wisc.edu

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

2. The Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS)
http://iris.wisc.edu/
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. L&S Career Services
Middleton Building
1305 Linden Drive, Suite 205
http://careers.ls.wisc.edu/government-job-search--students.htm

Marie Koko, Career and Internships Pathways Specialist for Government, Politics and Policy

Marie is a great resource to learn more about various types of government agencies and positions in those agencies. As part of your NSEP-Boren 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. Language Institute
1322 Van Hise Hall
http://www.languageinstitute.wisc.edu/

Michael Kruse, International Directions Advisor

Michael can help you think more about foreign languages and how it relates to your broader academic interests and how to make specific links to your long-term career interests. As part of your NSEP-Boren application essays you will be asked to write specifically about your interest in the language you plan to study and how it relates to both your academic and long-term career goals.