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BOREN SCHOLAR



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Caroline Carroll is a graduating senior majoring in World Economy & Business and Japanese. She was chosen for the prestigious Boren Scholarship, which she used to study abroad in Japan last year. Here is her story!

"For the past school year, I've had the opportunity to study abroad in Sapporo, Japan as a Boren scholar, AIG scholar, and International Huntington Fellow. I went to Hokkaido University, which is in the far north of Japan, far removed from the metropolis bustle of Tokyo and the Kansai region. I studied abroad with the aim to improve my Japanese, as well

as my understanding of East Asian politics and economic relations. I want to work in international relations and business, possibly in the intelligence community or state department in the future, so I've been really honored to continue my studies as a Boren scholar.

Although I went to Japan with the express purpose to learn more

about Japan and its neighboring countries, I ended up gaining so much more. My international exchange program included students from over 60 countries, so my classes were full of debates on current political or economic issues with representatives of the countries involved. I learned about a lot of the different perspectives and issues of countries around the world, as well as about many underlying issues facing current Japanese society and international relations. Hearing a variety of Japanese nationals give their opinions on current issues was so much more valuable than learning about those issues in a classroom.

I had the privilege to get really involved in the community during my study abroad. My dorm was outside campus, so I spent a lot of time exploring more residential areas and getting to know a lot of my neighbors. At Hokkaido University, I also had the opportunity to join the rowing club, so many of my mornings started at 2:30am when I needed to start biking up to the riverside boat-house for practice. My time in Hokkaido was busy and hectic at times, but it was an extremely rewarding experience that has come to really define my holistic experience at Ohio State.

I would highly encourage anyone interested to do a study abroad. There are many resources available for Ohio State students as well as external scholarships like the Boren award that really make it viable for students from all economic backgrounds to do a study abroad. And I know that I will carry the lessons I've learned with me for the rest of my college career and future. “



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOREN SCHOLARSHIP:

<https://www.borenawards.org/>

Boren Scholarships, an initiative of the National Security Education Program, provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded.

Boren Scholars represent a vital pool of highly motivated individuals who wish to work in the federal national security arena. In exchange for funding, Boren Scholars commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation.

Award Amounts

Maximum scholarship awards are:
\$8,000 for a summer program (special initiative for STEM students only; 8 weeks minimum)
\$10,000 for a semester
\$20,000 for a 6 - 12 months

