National Security Education Program (NSEP)

Purpose	National Security Education Program (NSEP) scholarships are intended to support U.S. undergraduates who will pursue the study of languages and cultures *currently under-represented* in study abroad and deemed critical to U.S. security. NSEP focuses on countries *outside* of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Each year, NSEP publishes a list of countries, languages, and fields of study identified as critical to U.S. national security. The program also serves as recruitment tool to U.S. government agencies that deal with national security.
Award	
Number & Amount	200-250 scholarships awarded annually. Minimum: round trip international travel and insurance; maximum: $8,000 for a summer, $10,000 for a semester, or $20,000 for a full academic year.
Duration	Summer, semester, or full-year
Additional requirement:	After graduation, recipients are required to seek employment in an agency of the U.S. federal government involving national security or in the field of higher education in the area of study for which the scholarship was awarded.
Eligibility	
Who	American undergraduates who are applying for a study abroad program approved by University of Southern Indiana. Applicants must demonstrate serious interest in the study of languages.
When	Tenable during any year of undergraduate program.
Selection Criteria	Scholarship award recipients will be selected on the basis of merit with consideration for: NSEP program preferences, academic record and potential to succeed in the proposed study abroad program, commitment to international education to fulfill academic and career goals, language interest and aptitude, and the quality and appropriateness of the proposed program and its relevance to the National Security Education Program.
Campus Deadline:	January 25, 2008
Deadline:	mid-February
Application	Application forms are available in the International Programs and Services Office. Applications require a statement of purpose, at least two letters of reference and college transcripts. First and second-year students need to supply high school transcripts as well.

Contact	Heidi Gregori-Gahan, International Programs and Services, 812/465-1248 or gahan@usi.edu.
Other	Application guidelines and complete details of the program are available at www.iie.org/nsep.