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- *Kamille “Mia” King '19, Chicago, Illinois, earned a Boren Scholarship.*
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- *As part of the program, King also will work for the federal government.*

Kamille “Mia” King '19, Chicago, Illinois, earned a 2019 David L. Boren Scholarship. A biology and psychology major, King will spend next year studying Portuguese in Mozambique.

Ready to Serve

[Boren Scholarships](#), an initiative of the National Security Education Program, provide funding opportunities for undergraduates to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to US interests.

King says she always wanted to learn more languages. She began with French and Spanish at a very earlier age and knew the Boren Scholarship was the right program for her because it gave her the chance to learn another language and study abroad.

King was prepared to tackle the application process, thanks to her UMN Morris experience. She was able “to befriend people from all over the world” and work one-on-one with supportive faculty and staff.

“The community establishes a support system for those who seek help and who want to get involved in the community and campus,” she says. “Much of the volunteer work I did for students of color on campus and for the Spanish-speaking community off campus definitely helped prepare me for this program.”

The Next Adventure

Boren Scholars represent a pool of highly motivated individuals who want to work in the national security arena. Recipients accept a Service Requirement to work for the federal government.

King plans to work with the Center for Disease Control on antibiotic resistance in the US and abroad. She wants to pursue this work full-time once she finishes a PhD/MD program after her Boren year. This opportunity, she says, will help her achieve her public health career goals.

“I know that with this opportunity I will learn not only Portuguese, but also skills that will benefit me for the rest of my career and life,” says King.

About Boren

David L. Boren Scholarships and Fellowships are sponsored by NSEP, a major federal initiative designed to build a broader and more qualified pool of US citizens with foreign language and international skills.

The Boren competition is administered at UMN Morris through the Academic Center for Enrichment. To learn more, visit ace.morris.umn.edu.