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Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Student Nicole Christine Aston is the First at the University to Receive a Boren Scholarship

Aston will begin studying the Mandarin language in Beijing, China, on June 12

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Nicole Christine Aston, a junior biomedical sciences major at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, is the first student at the University to receive the National Security Education Program's (NSEP) Boren Scholarship.

Aston, who is from San Angelo, Texas, has received a Boren Scholarship for \$19,400. She will live in Beijing, China, from July 8 through December 11 and will study the Mandarin language, and the history of Beijing. She will also participate in a medical/health internship.

Boren Scholarships focus on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security and provide up to \$20,000 to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests. These areas include Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin American, and the Middle East.

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