Project GO, an initiative of the Defense Language and National Security Education Office and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE), provides fully funded scholarships to students commissioning through Air Force, Army and Navy ROTC to study critical languages domestically and abroad. The goal of Project GO is to develop future military officers who possess the cross-cultural communication skills required for effective leadership in the 21st century operational environment.

CRITERIA OF ELIGIBILITY:

- U.S. Citizen
- Matriculated in an undergraduate degree program located within the United States accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education
- Contracted or non-contracted AROTC, AFROTC, NROTC student on track to commission through ROTC from any university or college in the U.S.
- Project GO scholarship recipients must be members of the ROTC and remain matriculated in their undergraduate programs for the duration of the scholarship and may not graduate until the scholarship is complete
- The applicant may not be employed, including unpaid internships, by the U.S. Federal Government or any foreign government while receiving Project GO funding

Domestic study only:

- Drilling members of the National Guard or Reserve
- Newly commissioned officers awaiting active duty
- Army Green to Gold members

NOT eligible

- Active duty
- Marines Platoon Leaders Class
- Navy Seamen to Admiral Program
- Officer Candidate School
- Military academies
- JROTC

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic merit
- Language experience
- Cultural sensitivity
- Leadership
- Commitment to Project GO goals
- Diversity

For more information about Project GO, please visit www.rotcprojectgo.org
1. ELIGIBILITY
You must meet the below criteria to be eligible for a Project GO scholarship. Go to http://www.rotcprojectgo.org/contact if you have questions regarding your eligibility status.

☐ I am a U.S. citizen
☐ I am matriculated in an undergraduate degree program in the U.S.
☐ I will remain a matriculated undergraduate student during the program dates
☐ I am in the AROTC, AFROTC or NROTC on track to commission through the ROTC
☐ I will remain a member of the ROTC during the program dates
☐ I am not employed by the US Federal Government

2. PERSONAL INFORMATION
Name:
First ___________________ Middle ___________________ Last ___________________
Date of Birth: ________________________________
Email: ______________________________________ Phone number: _______________________
Permanent Address:
Street __________________________ City ___________________ State ____ Zip ____

3. APPLICANT EDUCATION
Current college/institution: __________________________________________________________
Degree Program/Major: _____________________________________________________________
Secondary Major: _________________________________________________________________
Minor: ________________________________________________________________________
Cumulative GPA: _______________ Expected graduation date: _________________________

4. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & PASSPORT CHECK:
Project GO participants planning to travel abroad MUST have a blue (tourist) U.S. passport in their possession no later than 90 days before anticipated travel date. Please verify that you are eligible for Project GO international travel by answering the following questions:

☐ I have no passport; I am eligible for domestic training only
☐ I have no passport but will apply on __________________________
☐ I have a passport expiring on __________________________
    Last four digits of my passport number______________
5. ROTC INFORMATION

ROTC Unit: ___________________________ Branch of Service: Army □  AF □  Naval □

ROTC Level: ___________________________

Are you enrolled in an ROTC leadership lab and ROTC class?  YES □  NO □

Are you on track to commission?  YES □  NO □  Expected Commission Date:
____________________________________

Are you contracted?  YES □  NO □  Starting Date (if yes): _______________

Are you, or will you be on active duty status during program dates?  YES □  NO □

Are you a National Guard or Reserves member?  YES □  NO □

Do you currently have an ROTC scholarship?  YES □  NO □

Are you currently on a critical language scholarship?  YES □  NO □

6. YOUR ROTC Point of Contact (Detachment commander)

Name: First __________________________ Last _________________________________

Rank: _________________________________________________________________

Email: ________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________ Mailing address: ________________________________

7. PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program type you are applying for:

Study Abroad □  Domestic □  Hybrid (Domestic and overseas component) □

Start Date: __________________________  End Date: __________________________

Language (choose one):  Russian □  Chinese □  Arabic □

Your Current Level (choose one):

Beginner I (no prior experience) □  Intermediate I (two semesters) □  Advanced I (four semesters) □

Beginner II (one semester) □  Intermediate II (three semesters) □  Advanced II (five semesters) □

8. LANGUAGE BACKGROUND

Native Language: ________________________________

Previous Language training:
Are you a past Project GO participant?  YES □  NO □

*If you are a past Project GO participant, list the following:*

School: _____________________________

Location: _____________________________

Language: _____________________________

Start Date: ___________________________  End Date: ___________________________

Please describe your previous language training including years of language study, a description of language instruction institution, and any non-academic study in the language:

Please describe the language training at your home university that is available in the target language you have selected; courses, levels, etc.
9. TWO STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE

Please provide two brief statements (500 words or less each):

**Essay 1**

Please address the following points in your first statement: Why have you chosen this language to study? How will studying this language in Project GO contribute to your development as an officer? How will your Project GO participation impact the military and future US Military officer corps? If you are applying for a study abroad program, what do you hope to gain from the experience?
Essay 2

Please address the following points in your second statement: How will you continue your studies and maintain your language skills after the completion of your Project GO program? Address future language proficiency goals, study abroad plans, and a language maintenance schedule. Please be as specific as possible.
10. TRANSCRIPTS – please include unofficial transcripts with this application.

11. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two letters of recommendation are required:

1. A letter from your commanding officer on official letterhead.
2. An academic letter of recommendation that addresses (a) the relationship between the recommender and applicant and (b) the reason the applicant is a good candidate for this scholarship.

12. SURVEY DATA

The following questions are voluntary and not required, but will be used to achieve a group of Project GO recipients representative of the ROTC population.

Gender
☐ Female  ☐ Male  ☐ Prefer not to answer

Ethnicity or Race (select all that apply)
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native  ☐ Asian  ☐ Black or African American  ☐ Hispanic or Latino  
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  ☐ White  ☐ Prefer not to answer

13. How did you hear about the ROTC Project GO program to which you are applying?

Web search ☐  School Advisor ☐  ROTC unit ☐  Project GO website ☐  Past Participant ☐
Other: _________________________________

14. REQUIRED

I agree that the information I provided above is accurate and true. Should I be awarded a Project GO scholarship, I agree to complete all the required assessments and to register with the national Project GO Student Certification System database. I agree to abide by the host university’s code of conduct and the ROTC standards.

Sign: __________________________________________ Date: ______________

Thank you for submitting your application for a Project GO language program.