

Bureau of Intelligence & Research

The U.S. Department of State's (DOS) Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR) ensures that independent analysis informs foreign policy decisions and that intelligence activities support U.S. foreign policy objectives. INR analyzes country-specific, regional and functional issues and coordinates intelligence policy for the DOS.

Building & Sustaining U.S. Expertise

The Soviet-Eastern European Research and Training Act of 1983 created the Title VIII Program. Congress renamed the Act to the Program for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union in 1993. INR has managed the federally funded Title VIII Program for over three decades.

The Title VIII Program sustains and strengthens U.S. expertise on the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the independent states of the former Soviet Union by supporting graduate and postgraduate-level research, critical foreign language study opportunities, and firsthand experience with these countries by American specialists. Title VIII scholars conduct research and foreign language study domestically and overseas. Scholars disseminate their research methods and findings to U.S. government analysts and policy-makers.

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Recipient organizations act as intermediaries for Title VIII funds by conducting national, open competitions to award grants to eligible U.S. citizen graduate and postgraduate scholars.

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Title VIII Advisory Committee

Congress established the Title VIII Advisory Committee to make funding and policy recommendations to the Assistant Secretary of State for INR that result in balanced research and foreign language training programs for U.S. scholars studying the countries and languages of Central and Eastern Europe and the independent states of the former Soviet Union.

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- ∞ International Research and Exchanges Board
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- ∞ National Council for Eurasian and East European Research
- ∞ Pennsylvania State University
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