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## South and Central Asia Regional Research Program

### Award Autogenerated Code

9777-MC

### Region

Global/Multi-country

South and Central Asia

### Country

Multi-country

Bhutan

India

Kazakhstan

Kyrgyz Republic

Maldives, Republic of

Nepal

Pakistan

Sri Lanka

Tajikistan

Turkmenistan

Uzbekistan

### Number of Grants

Approximately 2

### Researcher Monthly Stipend and Allowances

\$3,470-\$14,550

### Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance

\$3,850-\$20,370

### Estimated Book and Research Allowance

\$3,400 - \$5,255 research allowance.

### Dependent Tuition Allowance

Up to \$6,000 per child (up to two) or \$12,000 per family for accompanying dependent children in grades K-12 is reimbursed for one semester, upon submission of receipts. Up to \$12,000 per child (up to two) or \$24,000 per family for accompanying dependent children in grades K-12 is reimbursed for two semesters, upon submission of receipts. Amount may be adjusted for shorter grant periods. Reimbursement is based on actual cost of tuition and fees only or home schooling materials.

### Candidate Profile

Academics, all levels including early career

### Activity

Research

### Application Deadline

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

### Grant Activity

Conduct research in any discipline. Research projects may be of historical or contemporary focus, comparative or regional in scope or where data must be collected in two or three countries (Bhutan, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan). Projects involving collaboration with host country colleagues and institutions are particularly encouraged. Applicants may incorporate other activities as time permits, such as conducting guest

lectures and faculty and curriculum development.

**Grant Length**

Three to nine months

**Grant Dates**

Grants may begin any time after July 2021. Grants must be completed by September 30, 2022. Award activity must be undertaken in a single period of residence abroad.

**Locations**

Any appropriate institution in each of the selected countries.

**Flex Option**

No

**Discipline Type**

Applications are sought in all disciplines

**Special Features**

**South and Central Asia Fulbright Regional Travel Grant**

During their grant period, Fulbright Scholars in the South and Central Asia (SCA) region may apply for a regional travel grant to engage in a variety of activities at academic institutions or nonprofit organizations in eligible SCA countries (India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Nepal, Republic of the Maldives, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan). Activities that U.S. Scholars may engage in include: faculty and student lectures, graduate or faculty seminars, conferences, curriculum development, public lectures, panel presentations, needs assessment, or some combination thereof. Scholars in the arts may be invited to give master classes or recitals, participate in exhibitions or workshops, or consult with cultural institutions. This grant will cover travel to and from the destination and lodging may be offered by the hosting institution. Scholars may only apply for this grant once in country on their Fulbright grant. As funds are limited, scholars are limited to one such travel grant.

**South and Central Asia Fulbright Midyear Conference**

With funding provided by the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the U.S.-India Educational Foundation (the Fulbright Commission in India) invites eligible Fulbright Scholars in the South and Central Asia region to attend the annual South and Central Asia Fulbright Midyear Conference in India in 2021 (usually held in February or March). The conference is an opportunity for current Fulbright U.S. Scholars who are on their Fulbright grants in the SCA region at the time of the conference to gather to discuss each other's work and educational exchange issues and to invite suggestions for the future development and enhancement of the Fulbright Program. Financial assistance to attend the conference is provided as an additional Fulbright grant benefit.

**Degree Requirements**

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) not required

**Additional Qualification Information**

MA, MS or higher degree; degree must have been awarded by the start of the proposed grant period. Postdoctoral candidates are welcome to apply. For professionals and artists, recognized professional standing and substantial professional accomplishments are required. Relevant professional experience and high level of academic or professional achievement are required.

**Additional Language Requirement**

Appropriate language proficiency is needed for successful completion of the project; all applicants must submit the Language Proficiency Report: Self-Evaluation, describing all languages used to conduct research, except English.

If the applicant intends to use a language other than English to conduct their research, they must also submit the Language Proficiency Report: External Evaluation.

For applicants without local language proficiency, feasibility of conducting the project must be described clearly in the project statement.

Native speakers need only to complete the Language Proficiency Report: Self-Evaluation.

## Invitation Requirement

A letter of invitation is required

## Additional Comments

Project statement must include a detailed description of proposed research, including justification for each country to be visited, duration and dates in each country, host institutions and planned site(s) to be visited.

## Helpful Links

[U.S. Department of State, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs](#) <sup>[1]</sup>

[U.S. Embassies](#) <sup>[2]</sup>

For more information on applying, including alumni perspectives, please view our [webinars](#) <sup>[3]</sup>.

Email the [South and Central Asia Team](#) <sup>[4]</sup> with questions about applying.

## Multi-Country/Area Award

Yes

### Grant Length Filter

Three to five months

Six to 10 months

## Invitation Requirement Additional Information

Invitation letters required for all countries except India.

- **India:** scholars are encouraged to make contact with a potential host institution but an invitation letter is not required. Affiliations with think tanks, nongovernmental organizations and research centers in the respective areas of specialization will be considered. Affiliation to be determined by the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF), but applicant may indicate a preference.
- **Bhutan:** An invitation letter may help facilitate placement at that institution, but is **not** a guarantee of final placement. The Government of Bhutan will decide and approve all final affiliations in consultation with the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, with preference given for considerations outside the capital city of Thimphu.
- **Pakistan:** awards are restricted to Islamabad and possibly Lahore. Applications for other cities or regions of Pakistan will not be considered. Consult the Fulbright commission on host institution affiliation before seeking an invitation letter. The Fulbright commission in Pakistan will finalize all affiliations.
- **Sri Lanka:** scholars are encouraged to contact a potential host institution and the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission (US-SLFC) can facilitate the process if applicants indicate a preference. US-SLFC will finalize all affiliations
- **Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan:** consult Fulbright contacts abroad in the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Office of the host country on appropriate host institutions for each country before seeking an invitation letter. Refer to each country's award description for contact information.
- **Central Asia:** obtaining visas is a challenge. Scholars should be flexible regarding proposed travel between countries. Adjustments may be necessary in order to minimize complications and comply with host country visa regulations and limitations on entering and exiting multiple countries.

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## Countries Overview

The South and Central Asia Regional Research Program provides support for multicountry, research in the region. Research projects may be of historical or contemporary focus, comparative or regional in scope or where data must be collected in several countries. Projects involving collaboration with host country colleagues and institutions are particularly encouraged.

Research may be conducted in two or three countries in the region, with preference given to projects including countries in both parts of the region: South Asia (Bhutan (pending host government approval), India, Nepal, Pakistan, Maldives and Sri Lanka) and Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan). (The U.S. Scholar Program to Bangladesh is temporarily suspended for the 2021-2022 academic year. The U.S. Department of State continues to closely

monitor the security situation in Bangladesh.)

### **Multiple country program staff**

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#### **Award Year**

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#### **Special Award Benefits**

For Pakistan, grantees are required to live in housing approved by the Fulbright Commission in Pakistan in consultation with the U.S. Embassy's Regional Security Office, and dependents are not permitted to accompany grantees.

#### **Language Proficiency Requirements**

Recommended

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#### **Links**

[1] <https://www.state.gov/p/sca/>

[2] <https://www.usembassy.gov/>

[3] <http://www.cies.org/event-type/webinar-schedule>

[4] <mailto:southcentralasia@iie.org>

[5] <https://awards.cies.org/award-years/2021-2022-awards>