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 [1]

U.S. Embassies [2]

For more information on applying, including alumni perspectives, please view our webinars [3].

Email the South and Central Asia Team [4] 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...
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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/
[4] mailto:southcentralasia@iie.org