

# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in South and Central Asia

## Webinar Q&A Box Questions and Answers

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Can the regional award span different "regions"... for example... MESA (Middle east & South Asia) since they fall in two separate regions for IIE...	<p>Thank you for your inquiry! Regional Research Awards are specific to that region. If you want to conduct research and projects across world regions, I would encourage you to look at the Global Scholar Award (<a href="https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards/global">https://fulbrightscholars.org/us-scholar-awards/global</a>). It must be noted that the Global Scholar Award is one of our most popular opportunities.</p>
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Are there resources about the safety/security considerations in those countries?	Thank you for your inquiry! I encourage you to look at the State Department's International Travel site for more information on country and region specific considerations: <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html</a>
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