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Which ministerial security forms should you complete?

- Any applicant conducting research that includes use of national archives or libraries, private libraries and collections and local book markets must complete the two (2) Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) forms found on this website. One form is largely English and the other largely Arabic. This includes anyone whose research focus is post-Greco-Roman.

- All applicants who will conduct research in museums or visit archaeological or historical sites under the direction of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA) must submit one (1) MoTA application/security form provided on the ARCE website.

- A fellowship under the authority of the MoTA is not intended to fund research that may be construed by the MoTA as an expedition. Conducting field surveys or organizing an expedition as a fellow are not generally accepted by the MoTA as a fellowship. If your research is located on the site of an ongoing expedition, your research must be independent (though it may be related) from that of the expedition. If the objects of your research are physically located on the site of an ongoing expedition or in its warehouse, or if your proposal requires fieldwork in association with an expedition, please contact Djodi Deutsch at fellows@arce.org for guidance on preparing your proposal.

- If, for example, you are a graduate student and you wish to join your university’s expedition for part of the season, it is only possible during a hiatus in your fellowship, at which time you will receive no financial support from ARCE.

Research risk associated with some contemporary topics

- Let’s be clear, there are thousands of years of Egyptian history that pose zero risk to foreign and Egyptian scholars.

- If your research relies on interviews, public observation, questionnaires, participant observation, visual anthropology, attending public events, etc., you are unlikely to secure government clearance for your research, which is required for all ARCE fellows.

- If your research focuses on military, religious movements, civilian-military relations, and politics in the current century you are unlikely to secure government clearance for your research, which is required for all ARCE fellows.

- Applicants and recommenders will be asked to address the current research and/or political climate in the country and whether that is expected to impact your security and your ability to conduct and succeed in your research.

- If you have any questions, contact fellows@arce.org for guidance before preparing your application.