Schwarzman Scholars

Global Leadership for the 21st Century
“Those Who Will Lead the Future Must Understand China Today.”

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Set on a state-of-the-art campus in Beijing, Scholars will refine and expand their leadership abilities while completing a fully funded, one-year Master’s Degree in Global Affairs with a concentration in Economics and Business, Public Policy or International Studies.

Schwarzman Scholars brings together young leaders from around the world who will develop their capacity to bridge different perspectives, produce results on issues of importance, and serve as intermediaries between China and the rest of the world.

Scholars will join an international network of current and future leaders, engaging one-on-one with business leaders, public officials, scientists, artists and thought leaders.
A ONE-YEAR MASTER’S DEGREE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF GLOBAL LEADERS

The program strengthens students’ leadership abilities and deepens their knowledge of China in a global context. Scholars share a core curriculum in the fall of their year in Beijing. This serves as an anchor for the rest of their studies and builds connections among the class. Core courses include:

- Chinese Culture, History, and Values
- Leading Issues in the Global Economy
- Leadership
- Comparative Governance
- Leading Issues in International Relations
- Mandatory Mandarin instruction for all non-native speakers

In addition to the core curriculum, students will work with faculty advisors and tutors to select concentration courses that reflect each Scholar’s professional and academic interests within one of three broad fields:

- Public Policy
- Economics and Business
- International Studies

Outside the classroom, students undertake a Practical Training Program in a Beijing workplace and also participate in a deep dive travel seminar to learn about other parts of the country.
A YEAR AT TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY

Leadership Development
The program offers courses and workshops focused specifically on leadership development.

Capstone
The Capstone Project is a final presentation of students’ classroom and experiential learning. There are three Capstone project options: a research paper, a case study, or a policy analysis.

PTP
The Practical Training Project (PTP) is part of the experiential learning program in which scholars work in small groups on consulting-style projects for leading Chinese and international companies and nonprofit organizations.

Deep Dive
The Deep Dive is a one-week field-based faculty-led course that gives students the opportunity to learn about a different region of China as well as explore a research topic related to broader themes of economic, social, and political development.

Concentrations correspond to Tsinghua’s schools and departments that have partnered with Schwarzman College. Courses will vary from year to year, reflecting the contributions of visiting faculty from leading universities around the world. Please check the Schwarzman Scholars website to review the current offerings.
MULTI-DIMENSIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Combined with their firsthand experiences in China, students will gain the skills needed to maximize their leadership potential. A specific course of study will teach the fundamental aspects of managing and leading people — including group behavior and performance; managing people one-on-one; and leading, motivating and aligning people toward a common vision. This course puts a particular emphasis on developing well-aligned, high performing organizations and the challenges of leading change. Finally, it addresses some of the basic choices involved in managing a career, especially in its early stages.

Additional classes and activities throughout the year, developed in partnership with the Rhodes Trust, are designed for students to learn from one another, and better understand their different backgrounds, views and strategies for confronting challenges.

WORLD-CLASS FACULTY FROM CHINA AND ABROAD

Taught in English, courses draw on some of the most accomplished professors from Tsinghua University and other leading institutions. Visiting entrepreneurs, policy makers and thought leaders from around the world will complement regular classes.

PERSONALIZED MENTORSHIP TO HELP SCHOLARS GROW

Each student will work closely with a mentor from Chinese business, academic and government communities to help advance their professional goals.
Every year Schwarzman Scholars are selected through a rigorous and thorough selection process designed to evaluate leadership experience and potential, intellectual and academic ability, including the capacity to understand emerging trends, design solutions, and inspire others to a vision, as well as strength of character. All qualified candidates will have successfully completed their undergraduate degrees prior to enrollment and must be highly proficient in English.

Applications are reviewed by a distinguished team of readers from around the world. Semi-finalists invited for in-person interviews in Beijing, Singapore, London or New York before international panels composed of CEOs, former heads of state, university presidents, non-profit executives, journalists and other leaders. These interviewers draw on their own experience of leadership to identify a cohort of highly accomplished candidates whose paths to leadership will be enhanced by an introduction to China and its global role.

Note: there is an earlier schedule for applicants with passports from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao or Taiwan. Application data and dates change from year to year. Please visit our Website.

Total number of scholars is expected to increase gradually over the coming years. Admissions statistics give an overview of the selection process, but prospective applicants should keep in mind that selection is based on the non-quantifiable qualities described above.
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