Position Title: Volkswagen Visiting Faculty Chair in Sustainability, 2020-2021

Organization: Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Designed to inspire the next generation of global leaders, the Schwarzman Scholars program is the most significant of its kind since the Rhodes Trust was founded in 1902. With a nearly $600 million endowment, it will also be the single largest philanthropic effort ever undertaken in China by largely international donors.

The 100-200 scholars chosen annually for this highly selective program work towards a one-year Master’s Degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing — one of China’s most prestigious universities. As individuals who want to have a positive impact on the world, Schwarzman Scholars are selected based on their academic credentials, extracurricular interests, and leadership potential.

POSITION SUMMARY

Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University is recruiting for a Volkswagen Visiting Faculty Chair in Sustainability. This full-time position will be given to one individual with a term of one semester to two years and competitive pay, including residence in a faculty apartment at Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chair shall work full-time at Tsinghua University and teach at Schwarzman College, and shall have no other full-time obligations outside of Tsinghua University.

We are seeking expert scholars in contemporary global issues related to sustainability, including climate change and environmental governance. We are seeking excellent teachers and scholars with an interdisciplinary focus who are able to take a leave of absence from their current academic positions for at least one semester.

The Visiting Chair will teach at least one eight-week module course in the program and may be asked to speak at one or more appropriate and mutually convenient company or college events.
In addition to teaching at least one course per academic year, the Chair shall also be responsible for advising students on Capstone projects and writing, and actively participating in academic and community activities of Schwarzman College.

SKILLS, EXPERIENCE, AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Volkswagen Visiting Faculty Chair in Sustainability should have expertise in sustainability and global affairs, including environmental governance and climate change.

The following qualifications and credentials will be considered in appointing the Chair:

1. Prominent scholar and recognized expert with a strong record of teaching, research, and publications at the associate or full professor level (Distinguished practitioners with relevant expertise will also be considered);
2. For candidates who are Chinese citizens currently based in China, significant time spent outside of China, such as studying and working;
3. Fluency in English (for purposes of teaching, research, and communications);
4. A doctoral degree in relevant areas of global affairs including environmental science, business, economics, public policy, international relations, public affairs, social sciences and the humanities, or other relevant fields. International experience and knowledge, as well as experience working in or on China, are helpful. Educational background in the United States and/or Europe is preferred.

APPLICATION

To apply, please send an application cover letter, a curriculum vitae (including a list of publications and courses taught), and the names and contact information of three referees to jobs@schwarzmanscholars.org (subject line: Volkswagen Visiting Faculty Chair in Sustainability 2020-2021) before the deadline of November 30, 2019.