“Those Who Will Lead the Future Must Understand China Today.”

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INTRODUCING PROMISING YOUNG LEADERS TO CHINA

Schwarzman Scholars was founded by Stephen A. Schwarzman in 2013 to bring together young leaders from around the world who, throughout their careers, will produce results on issues of global relevance and contribute to deepening understanding between China and the world. Throughout their year in Beijing, Scholars live at Schwarzman College on Tsinghua University’s campus in a state-of-the-art LEED Gold certified building.

AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF THINKERS AND INNOVATORS

The Schwarzman Scholars experience is anchored in a rigorous, innovative and fully funded one-year Master’s Degree in Global Affairs that bridges the academic and professional worlds to educate students about leadership and about China’s expanding role in the world.

The program also provides Scholars with unparalleled learning opportunities with leaders from China and the world through high-level interactions at lectures, a network of mentors, options for internships and projects with local businesses and organizations, and site visits and excursions to gain a greater understanding of contemporary China.

CROSS-CULTURAL CONNECTIONS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

Every year, new Scholars join an international community of current and future leaders, forging a global network that extends far beyond Schwarzman College. Engaging with business leaders, public officials, scientists, artists, and academics, Scholars are exposed to diverse frameworks and perspectives through which they shape their own experience.
SCHRZMAN SCHOLARS CURRICULUM: ONE-YEAR MASTER’S DEGREE IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Schwarzman Scholars enroll at Tsinghua University, one of China’s premier institutions, known for its academic excellence and international partnerships. It is the alma mater of some of China’s most important leaders, including the current and former Presidents, Xi Jinping and Hu Jintao.

The Schwarzman Scholars curriculum was developed in collaboration with academic leaders from Tsinghua, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, Oxford, Duke, and other prestigious universities around the world. Scholars share a core curriculum focused on three multidisciplinary pillars:

**Leadership | China | Global Affairs**

Upon completion of the program, all Scholars receive a Master’s Degree in Global Affairs, awarded by Tsinghua University.

In addition to required core courses on leadership, global affairs, and China’s last 40 years of reform, Scholars have a range of other courses at Schwarzman College and at Tsinghua University to choose from in order to focus their studies on individual areas of interest. Elective courses are mainly drawn from the fields of economics and business, public policy, and international relations. Courses are taught in English by a highly accomplished faculty from Tsinghua and other world-class global universities. Altogether, the courses cover many critical current issues in global affairs such as climate change, global security, public health, social media and communications, entrepreneurship, and science and technology.
MULTIDIMENSIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Combined with their firsthand experience in China, Scholars develop the skills needed to maximize their leadership potential. Leadership development is woven throughout the academic and co-curricular programming of Schwarzman Scholars.

Each Scholar works closely with a mentor from the Beijing business, academic, and government communities to help advance their professional goals.

WORLD-CLASS FACULTY FROM CHINA AND ABROAD

Visiting entrepreneurs, policy makers, and thought leaders from around the world complement the program by offering lectures and joining small-group discussions in which they offer insights and advice to Scholars.
FEATURES OF SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARS

DEEP DIVE
Deep Dive is a required course that stretches over the first two modules separated by an intensive week-long field trip. This course will first provide Scholars with a broad understanding of China through a series of introductory lectures and cultural excursions around Beijing. Scholars will then have the opportunity to explore economic, political, and social topics by visiting companies, government agencies, villages, and cultural sites during the week-long field trip in November.

CAPSTONE
The Capstone Project is the culmination of Scholars’ experience, learning, and growth in their one-year residence and study. There are three individual options: a research paper, a case study, or a policy analysis. Scholars are highly encouraged to utilize their Deep Dive and classroom learning experiences in their assignment. Scholars work with a faculty advisor on the Capstone Project, which is due at the end of the academic year.

CHINESE LANGUAGE STUDY
All international Scholars are required to take Chinese language courses at Schwarzman College. Beginner to advanced level courses are available – Scholars will take a placement test prior to the start of the program to determine their level.

INTERNSHIPS
Internships provide an opportunity for Scholars to pursue their particular interests and learning goals while developing their first-hand experience and understanding of leadership and China in a setting outside the College. Scholars who wish to do an internship can source opportunities across myriad industries and functions during their year at Schwarzman College.
THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Every year, Schwarzman Scholars are selected through a rigorous and thorough selection process designed to evaluate three key factors: leadership experience and potential, intellectual capability, and strength of character. Successful applicants must be able to demonstrate not only an excellent academic record but also the capacity to understand emerging trends, to design solutions, and to inspire others. All qualified candidates will have 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. Select candidates are 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.

4,000+ APPLICANTS
400+ CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED
140+ SCHOLARS SELECTED
3.8 GPA AVERAGE AMONG SELECTED SCHOLARS
18-28 APPLICANT AGE RANGE

January
Application available for candidates from China

April
Application available for US & Global candidates

May
Application deadline for candidates from China

September
Application deadline for US & Global candidates

October/November
In-person candidate interviews conducted

December
Class is announced

August
Arrival the following year in Beijing for orientation and start of the academic year

The 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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