



SCHWARZMAN
SCHOLARS

清华大学苏世民书院

The world is changing.
Be ready to lead it.





“Those who will lead the
future must understand
China today.”

Stephen A. Schwarzman

STEPHEN A. SCHWARZMAN
Founding Trustee of Schwarzman Scholars

The background image is a photograph of the Tsinghua University Bridge in Beijing, China. The bridge features a large, dark, arched structure that frames the scene. The bridge deck is visible, with several people walking across it. In the background, modern city buildings are visible under a clear sky. The overall image has a blue tint.

Schwarzman Scholars is the first scholarship program created to respond to the geopolitical landscape of the 21st century. As China's role in global trends continues to grow, the success of future leaders in any sector depends upon an immersive understanding of the country and its culture. Schwarzman Scholars is a one-year, fully-funded master's program at Tsinghua University in Beijing, designed to build a global community of future leaders who will strengthen understanding between China and the rest of the world.

Grow through a uniquely immersive leadership experience in Beijing.



ONE-YEAR MASTER'S DEGREE IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Experience a dynamic curriculum and unparalleled access to China among a community of global leaders. Central to the program are world-renowned advisers, a rigorous and innovative study of global affairs and hands-on exploration of Chinese culture and commerce. Scholars graduate with a valuable set of cross-cultural leadership skills, a diverse and meaningful network of leaders and career-defining learning experiences.

“Now removed from my days in Beijing, I am struck by how often I think back to my experiences in China to make sense of world events, and in my day-to-day work with globally connected business.”

BOB WU (2018)
Australia

A MODERN, DYNAMIC CURRICULUM WITH THREE CORE PILLARS:

LEADERSHIP CHINA GLOBAL AFFAIRS



A CURRICULUM THAT MEETS THE MOMENT

The Schwarzman Scholars curriculum readies Scholars with the tools, leadership skills and firsthand experience they need to navigate geopolitical complexity with confidence. In addition to participating in our cutting edge core curriculum, Scholars choose elective courses to individualize their academic experience. They will complete a Capstone project, the culmination of their Schwarzman Scholars academic experience.

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

CORE CURRICULUM

- A choice of courses designed to analyze leadership characteristics from interdisciplinary perspectives and in multiple cultural and professional settings
- A course on the past 40 years of China's political, economic and social reform
- A course introducing students to current and future challenges in global affairs and the global governance system

ELECTIVE COURSES

- China-focused electives to delve deeper into China's domestic policies, history and global roles
- Electives in fields such as economics, public policy and global affairs

“With an open mind and an eagerness to soak in everything that my year in Beijing could offer, each conversation with a Scholar seemed to reveal a new layer or insight into topics, cultures and interests.”

MIRANDA GOTTLIEB (2018)

United States of America

AN IMMERSIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE



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DEEP DIVE

The Deep Dive course readies 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 trip in November.



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CHINESE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

Language courses are mandatory in Module One, then become optional. International students can take Chinese language instruction at any level, from beginner to advanced. Chinese and international students can take advanced English language classes, focusing on academic and business writing.

“When you live with Scholars from 40 other countries in a place like China, you are absorbing the most important aspect of leadership: cross-cultural competency and mutual understanding.”

AMY CELICO

Executive Director, Schwarzman Scholars



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OPTIONAL INTERNSHIPS

We encourage Scholars pursuing internships to take advantage of the strong relationships our program has with diverse organizations based in Beijing. Students may arrange an internship on their own, or reference the job portal for available intern and volunteer opportunities. Organizations include private businesses, state-owned enterprises, international organizations, non-governmental agencies and schools.



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PERSONALIZED MENTORSHIP

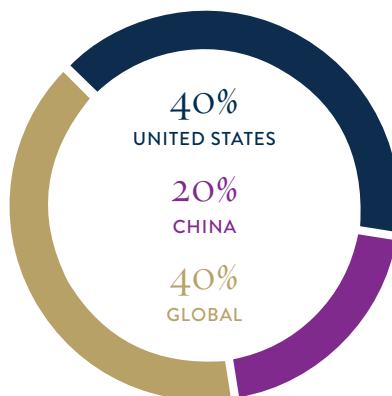
Each Scholar will select a mentor from a pool of leaders in business, academic, government and NGO communities, primarily based in Beijing. Our mentors provide a space for students to learn and experience various leadership styles and gain new perspectives on China and China's role in the world. Opportunities to engage with our entire network of mentors are available throughout the year.

Join a diverse community of leaders ready to drive global progress.



ADMISSIONS

Every year, Schwarzman Scholars are selected through a rigorous and thorough selection process. Successful applicants must be able to demonstrate not only an excellent academic record but also readiness to embrace other cultures and perspectives, drive global progress and lead with integrity. All qualified candidates must have completed their undergraduate degrees prior to enrollment and must be highly proficient in English.



“If you are having doubts about your credentials or background, know that there is no such thing as an average Schwarzman Scholar.”

CHRIS SPERRAZZA (2020)

United States of America

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

DEMONSTRATED
LEADERSHIP

INTELLECT

EXEMPLARY
CHARACTER &
INTEGRITY



SELECTION PROCESS

Applications are reviewed by a distinguished team of readers from around the world. Select candidates are invited for in-person interviews before international panels composed of CEOs, former heads of state, university presidents, non-profit executives, journalists and other global leaders.

4,000+ Applicants

400+ Candidates interviewed

140+ Scholars selected

18-28 Applicant age range

~40 Countries represented in each class

ADMISSIONS CYCLE

CHINA CANDIDATES	JANUARY Application opens	MAY Application deadline	OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER Candidate interviews conducted	JANUARY Class is announced	AUGUST Arrival the following year in Beijing for orientation and start of the academic year
US & GLOBAL CANDIDATES	APRIL Application opens	SEPTEMBER Application deadline			

“If you come out of this year with a very clear sense of purpose about your future, the rest will take care of itself.”

SIR JOHN ANTHONY HOOD

Former President and Chief Executive Officer of the Robertson Foundation
and Former Chair of the Rhodes Trust

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