



Schwarzman Scholars Program

Schwarzman Scholars Program, founded by Stephen A. Schwarzman, chairman, CEP and Cofounder of the Blackstone Group L.P., provides a one-year, fully-funded master's program at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. Designed to prepare the next generation of global leaders, Schwarzman Scholars is the first scholarship created to respond to the geopolitical landscape of the 21st Century. The scholars will live and study together on the campus of Schwarzman College where all classes will be taught in English.

I. Program Overview

- Up to 200 Schwarzman Scholars will be selected (40%-US, 20%-China, and 40%- rest of world).
- The program's curriculum has been designed to build students' leadership abilities and deepen their knowledge of China in a global context.
- The scholars will receive one-year master's degree from Tsinghua University, Beijing.
- Curriculum – Leadership, Global Affairs, China's Political, Economic and Social Reform, & Elective (public policy, economics/business, International relations)

II. Eligibility

- Undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university. Applicants who are currently enrolled in undergraduate degree programs must be on track to successfully complete all degree requirements by August 1, 2026.
- Applicants must be at least 18 but not yet 29 years of age as of August 1, 2026.
- Academic excellence will be a requirement for successful applicants, but there is no minimum GPA or class rank required to apply.

III. Awards

- Tuition and fees, Required course books and supplies
- Room and board, A modest personal stipend of \$4,000
- Travel to and from Beijing at the beginning and end of the academic year
- An in-country study tour
- Health insurance

IV. Criteria

- Leadership Abilities
- Exemplary Character & Integrity
- Academic Aptitude & Intellectual Ability
- Empathy & Intercultural Competency
- Open Mindedness
- Entrepreneurial Spirit

V. Online Application

- Resume (2-page max)
- Two Essays
 - Leadership Essay (750 words) - Describe at least one distinct example that best illustrates your leadership.
 - Statement of Purpose (500 words) - Describe both your professional interests and goals and how the program connects with your professional trajectory.
- Official Transcript(s)
- Three letters of Recommendation
 - At least one from a recommender who can talk about your leadership potential and the experience you mentioned in the application
- Video (optional, but strongly recommended) – introduce yourself up to one minute

VI. Selection Process*

- **Late-September 2025, 9:59 pm MT**– Application Deadline
- Early-November 2025 – Interviews for semi-finalists
- Mid-November 2025 – Finalists notified
- August 2026 – Orientation at Tsinghua University begins

* Applicants who hold passports or permanent resident cards from mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macao, regardless of where they attended university or reside, must apply by the early deadline, May 2025 through the China Application Portal.

VII. Helpful Links

- Official Website - <http://schwarzmanscholars.org/>
- Schwarzman Program Course Listing - <https://www.schwarzmanscholars.org/program-experience/curriculum/>
- Application Instructions - <https://www.schwarzmanscholars.org/admissions/application-instructions/>

➤ 2021 States

- 154 out of 3,600 applicants were selected from 39 countries and 99 universities
- More than 400 candidates were invited to interview virtually.

➤ 2020 States

- 147 out of over 2,800 applicants were selected from 38 countries and 119 universities
- 40% originating from the US, 20% from China, and 40% from the rest of the world
- More than 400 semi-finalists were invited to interview in either Beijing, Bangkok, London or New York