

Schwarzman Scholars Program was founded by Stephen A. Schwarzman, chairman, CEP and Co-founder of the Blackstone Group L.P. 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. Whether in politics, business or science, the success of future leaders around the world will depend upon an understanding of China's role in global trends. The scholars will live and study together on the campus of Schwarzman College where all classes will be taught in English.

I. Program Overview

- 200 Schwarzman Scholars will be selected (90-US, 40-China, and 70- 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.
- Three areas of concentration: (1) Public Policy, (2) Economics & Business, and (3) International Studies

II. Eligibility

- Undergraduate degree or first degree from an accredited college or university or its equivalent. Applicants who are currently enrolled in undergraduate degree programs must be on track to successfully complete all degree requirements by August 1, 2018.
- Applicants must be at least 18 but not yet 29 years of age as of August 1, 2018.
- Married applicants may apply and will be at no disadvantage in the application process. Spouses/partners may accompany Schwarzman Scholars to Beijing, but Scholars are expected to live in the dormitory and participate fully in the program like single students.
- 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 \$3,500
- Travel to and from Beijing at the beginning and end of the academic year
- An in-country study tour
- Lenovo laptop and smartphone
- Health insurance

IV. Criteria

- Academic credentials
- Extracurricular interests
- Leadership potential

V. Online Application

- Official Transcript(s)
- Four letters of Recommendation
 - i. At least one from a recommender who can talk about your leadership potential and the experience in your leadership essay.
 - ii. One institutional assessment from CAELD office (current students only)
- Three Essays
 - i. **Personal Statement** (up to 750 words) - Describe your professional interests and values and how the Schwarzman Scholars program and deeper knowledge of China will help advance your goals. Describe both your short-term objectives for the 1-3 years after the program and your long-term aspirations. How will you contribute to the community of Schwarzman Scholars and to the program's mission?
 - ii. **Leadership Essay** (up to 750 words): Describe specific examples of your leadership. The essay should explore your abilities to understand challenges and opportunities, envision solutions, take initiative to act, inspire others to join an effort, and push through resistance and/or challenges in reaching results.
 - iii. **Current Affairs Essay** (up to 500 words): Choose an issue in contemporary social, international, business, environmental, diplomatic, arts, or other policy that is of interest to you. This essay should lay out the current factors and trends influencing the topic and make a realistic recommendation of how local, national, or international leaders should intervene to contribute to a more peaceful and prosperous future.
- Current resume – up to two pages
- Video (optional, but strongly recommended) – introduce yourself up to one minute

VI. Selection Process*

- **September 28, 2017** – Application Deadline
- Early-November 2017 – Interviews for semi-finalists in NY
- Mid-November 2017 – Finalists notified
- August 2018 – Orientation at Tsinghua University begins

* Applicants who hold a passport from mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, or Macao will apply by May 31, with interviews in Beijing in July and decisions released before October 1, 2017. Exception: If they are legal permanent residents of another country and who do not intend to pursue careers in China may apply via the US/Global competition.

VII. Helpful Links

- Official Website - <http://schwarzmanscholars.org/>
- Schwarzman Program Course Listing - <http://schwarzmanscholars.org/program/course-listing>
- Application and requirements - <http://schwarzmanscholars.org/admissions/application>