

Schwarzman Scholars

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.

Program Overview

Scholars will pursue a Master's degrees in Global Affairs in one of three concentrations:

- Public Policy
- Economics and Business
- International Studies



APPROXIMATE MAKEUP OF STUDENT BODY:



45% US

20% China

35% Rest of world



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Eligibility

- Earn undergraduate degree by August 1, 2026
- Be at least 18 but not yet 29 years of age as of August 1, 2026
- Criteria
 - Leadership
 - Intellect
 - Character

Awards

- Tuition and fees
- Room and board
- Travel to and from Beijing
- An in-country study tour
- Health insurance
- Stipend for personal expenses

Application

- Online application
- 3 letters of recommendation
- 2 essays
- College Transcript(s) (Official)
- Resume/CV
- Video Introduction (max 1 minute)

2 Essays

- Statement of Purpose and Leadership (750 words)
 - Your professional interest and goals
 - How this program helps you
 - Your contribution to the scholar's community
 - The ability to understand challenges and opportunities
 - Initiative to act, interpersonal skills
 - The character, values, and determination to overcome
- Current Affairs Essay (500 words)
 - Discuss current factors and trends of an issue in contemporary policy
 - Make a realistic recommendation to intervene and contribute to a more peaceful and prosperous future

3 References

- One recommender should be able to speak directly to the leadership example you describe in your essay.
- The other recommenders may be faculty members.

Selection Process

- September 2025– Application Deadline
 - <http://schwarzmanscholars.org/>
- October – Interview Invitation
- Early-November – Interviews for semi-finalists (NY)
- Mid-November – Finalists notified
- August 2026– Orientation at Tsinghua University