

SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARS

APPLICATIONS OPEN IN APRIL FOR 2017/2018 CLASS

Schwarzman Scholars, inspired by the Rhodes scholarship, is a program designed to help future leaders meet the challenges of the 21st century and beyond by preparing them to better understand China's culture, economy, governance and evolving role in the world. Up to 200 Scholars chosen annually from around the world for this highly selective, fully-funded program will have an unrivaled opportunity to live in Beijing for a year of study and cultural immersion, attending lectures, traveling and developing first-hand exposure to China, its people and a global group of promising leaders. Scholars will study for a one-year Masters degree in public policy; international studies; or economics and business at Tsinghua University, one of China's most prestigious institutes of higher education with a 100 year history of strengthening ties between China and the rest of the world and a record of producing leaders such as President Xi Jinping, former President Hu Jintao, and former Premier Zhu Rongji.

A Schwarzman Scholar should demonstrate extraordinary leadership potential, the ability to anticipate trends, strong intellectual capacity and exemplary character.

- Leadership: the ability to conceptualize, articulate and implement new approaches to existing conditions, with determination, energy and adaptability to drive change despite obstacles. A leader must have the ability to inspire others to help make change happen. Leadership can be demonstrated through many contexts and fields, political, social, business, the arts, and beyond.
- Intellect: achievements demonstrated through outstanding performance in academic endeavors.
- Character: personal values and integrity that inspire trust among others

In August 2016 the first cohort of 100 young leaders will gather at the newly constructed, state-of-the-art Schwarzman College on the campus of Beijing's Tsinghua University. Scholars will develop their leadership skills in a program designed by faculty from Harvard, Yale, Oxford, Princeton, Stanford and Tsinghua, among others.

Scholars will learn about the emergence of China as an economic and political force in the world through a core curriculum that includes history, economics, international relations, governance and leadership. They can then choose a concentration in public policy; international studies; or business and economics. They will also learn beyond the classroom through substantive, thematic study tours around the country. Their leadership and professional capacities will be further deepened by a mentoring program linking them to business, political and civil society leaders in the country, and through internships with global and national institutions and corporations based in Beijing. All classes will be taught in English and students will have opportunities throughout the year to study Mandarin.

The program will build a professionally diverse cohort each year, and welcomes applicants from any undergraduate major who can articulate how the experience in China and with Schwarzman Scholars will help develop their skills as leaders in their fields. The largest number of applications will most likely come from fields and topics that are heavily influenced by trends in China, including but certainly not limited to economics, political science, sociology, history, business, public policy, international studies, environmental studies, energy, health, climate, urban studies, trade and others. However, the program welcomes and encourages applications from young leaders in any field relevant to issues influenced by or relevant to China.

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