



SCHWARZMAN  
SCHOLARS

## THE SCHWARZMAN SCHOLAR

Every year, up to 200 Schwarzman Scholars will represent the world's next generation of leaders — high-caliber individuals with open minds and limitless potential — a network of leaders who will serve as bridges between China and the rest of the world.

Schwarzman Scholars will be selected on the basis of not only their academic aptitude and intellectual ability, but also their leadership potential, entrepreneurial spirit, ability to anticipate and act on emerging trends and opportunities, exemplary character, and desire to understand other cultures, perspectives and positions.

All qualified candidates will have successfully completed their undergraduate degrees prior to enrollment and must be proficient in English.

**"SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARS ARE DYNAMIC YOUNG  
LEADERS OF IMPACT WHO WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN  
SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD"**

WYATT BRUTON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- **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 before August 1 of their Schwarzman Scholars enrollment year. There are no requirements for a specific field of undergraduate study; all fields are welcome, but it is important for applicants, regardless of undergraduate major, to articulate how participating in Schwarzman Scholars will help develop their leadership potential within their field.

- **Age Requirement.**

Candidates must be at least 18 but not yet 29 years of age as of August 1 of their Schwarzman Scholars enrollment year.

- **English language proficiency.**

Applicants must demonstrate strong English skills, as all teaching will be conducted in English. If the applicant's native language is not English, official English proficiency test scores must be submitted with the application. This requirement is waived for applicants who studied in English at the post-secondary level (undergraduate and/or graduate) for at least two years. We will accept the following English language proficiency exams with minimum scores:

- TOEFL iBT: minimum score 100
- TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition: minimum score 100
- TOEFL PBT: minimum score 600
- IELTS Academic: minimum score 7
- IELTS Indicator: minimum score 7

As many testing centers have temporarily closed due to COVID-19, this year we will accept English language proficiency exam score reports with expiry year 2019.

For applicants using the China Application System, refer to guidelines on the Schwarzman College [Admissions](#) page.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT PART OF MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- **Marital status.** 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 other students. Spouses/partners may not live in the dormitory, and no additional funding will be provided to support spouses/partners living off-campus.
- There are no citizenship or nationality requirements.
- **Grade point average/class rank/pre-requisites.** Academic excellence is a requirement for successful applicants, but there is no minimum GPA or class rank required to apply. Applicants are expected to have demonstrated excellence in their academic studies, and the most competitive candidates are among the top students in their graduating class. There are no course prerequisites for applicants to the program, although some individual classes at Tsinghua University may have prerequisites.

Schwarzman Scholars does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, political beliefs, veteran status, or disability unrelated to job or course of study requirements.

# APPLICATION

**APPLY NOW**

## **A CALL FOR FUTURE LEADERS**

Interested candidates participate in a rigorous and thorough selection process, designed to identify the most promising young leaders from around the world. Those selected will have demonstrated their potential to produce results within their own culture and context by inspiring and guiding groups and to not only benefit *from* but also contribute *to* the Schwarzman Scholars

program. The process includes an online application and evaluation as well as in-person regional interview.

**The application period for U.S and Global applicants will be open between April 15, 2020 and September 22, 2020.**

We are considering all of the challenges applicants have faced over the past few months during this application cycle. To learn more about what we've been doing in light of the global situation surrounding the coronavirus, click [here](#).

Selections will be made in November 2020. Applicants with Chinese passports apply by May 2020, with selections made in September 2020. Please review basic eligibility requirements via the link to the right.

To give you the opportunity to learn more about our selection process and unique elements of the Scholar experience while engaging with our Admissions officers, current Scholars and alumni, we encourage you to join our [upcoming webinars](#) through the next several months leading up to the application deadline. Please also reach out to us anytime with questions at [admissions@schwarzmanscholars.org](mailto:admissions@schwarzmanscholars.org); we are here to help.

#### **REQUIRED FORMS AND RECORDS INCLUDE:**

- Online application
- Resume (2 page maximum)
- Transcripts/Academic Records
- Essays (2)
- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- Video (optional)

*We discourage applicants from submitting any supplemental materials that are not required, such as portfolios, writing samples, additional recommendations, etc. Such materials will not be shared with the Review Committee.*

Applicants who hold passports or permanent resident cards from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macao, regardless of where they attended university or reside, will apply between January 1<sup>st</sup> and May 20, 2020 through the [China application portal](#). If the applicant were to apply via the U.S./Global system with a Hong Kong permanent resident card, he or she runs the risk of losing the permanent resident card. The selection process for Chinese nationals shares the same principles as the U.S. and Global process and includes an online application and in-person interview at Tsinghua University in Beijing early summer 2020. Candidates will be notified as soon as admissions decisions are reached, by October 1, 2020 at the latest.

Further detail is available in the **Instructions to Applicants** (link below) and in the [Admissions Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

# SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

The students selected to become Schwarzman Scholars will receive a comprehensive scholarship. It will include:

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

Schwarzman Scholars will be the single largest philanthropic effort ever undertaken in China by largely international donors.

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