2021-2022 Schwarzman Scholars

Status: Open
Applications open: 15/04/2020
Applications close: 22/09/2020

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information
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.

With the inaugural class enrolled in 2016, the program gives the world’s best and brightest students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and professional networks through a one-year Master’s Degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing – one of China’s most prestigious universities.

Students live and study together on the campus of Schwarzman College, a newly-built, state-of-the-art facility, where all classes are taught in English. Students pursue a Masters in Global Affairs, with concentrations in one of the disciplines:

- Public Policy
- Economics and Business
- International Studies

Students spend a year immersed in an international community of thinkers, innovators and senior leaders in business, politics and society. In an environment of intellectual engagement, professional development and cultural exchange, they learn from one another and pursue their academic disciplines while building their leadership capacities. This experience will expand students’ understanding of the world and create a growing network of global leaders for the future.

For those ready to make their mark on the world, Schwarzman Scholars represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Student type
- Current Students

Faculty
- Centre for Aboriginal Studies
- Faculty of Business and Law
- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Science & Engineering
  - Science courses
  - Engineering courses
  - Western Australian School of Mines (WASM)

Course type
- Undergraduate

Specifically for
- Curtin students wanting to study overseas

Citizenship
- Australian Citizen
- Australian Permanent Resident
- New Zealand Citizen
- Permanent Humanitarian Visa
Scholarship base

- Merit Based

Value

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.

Scholarship Details

Eligible courses

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.

Eligibility criteria

- **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 at an undergraduate institution where the primary language of instruction was English for at least two years of the applicant’s academic program. The requirement will also be waived for applicants who have studied in English for two or more years at a Master’s degree level or higher. Acceptable test options are:
  - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL PBT). Minimum score 600.
  - Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT). Minimum score 100.

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.

Enrolment requirements

NA
Changes to Enrolment

NA

How to apply

Application process

Applications are to be made directly via the Schwarzman Scholars website:
https://www.schwarzmanscholars.org/admissions/application/

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.

Applications for U.S and Global applicants open in April 2020 for the 2021-2022 class, with selections 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.

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 1st 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 July 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.

Need more information?

Enquiries
https://www.schwarzmanscholars.org/admissions/inquiry/

Further information

This is a global prestigious scholarship. For further information please visit the Schwarzman Scholars website: http://schwarzmanscholars.org/

FAQ - https://www.schwarzmanscholars.org/admissions/faq/

To learn more about our selection process and unique elements of the Scholar experience, and to engage with our Admissions Team officers, current Scholars and alumni, we encourage you to join our upcoming webinars.