



SCHWARZMAN
SCHOLARS

清华大学苏世民书院

Understand China
to lead global
progress.







“Those who will
lead the future
must understand
China today.”

Steve

STEPHEN A. SCHWARZMAN
Founding Trustee of Schwarzman Scholars

Schwarzman Scholars is the first scholarship created to respond to the geopolitical landscape of the 21st century. As China's role in global trends continues to grow, the success of future leaders in any sector depends upon an immersive understanding of the country and its culture. A one-year, fully-funded master's program at Tsinghua University in Beijing, Schwarzman Scholars is designed to build a global community of future leaders who will serve to deepen understanding between China and the rest of the world.

Grow through a uniquely immersive leadership experience in Beijing.



ONE-YEAR MASTER'S DEGREE IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Schwarzman Scholars offers one-of-a-kind perspectives that you can't get from a book. At the heart of the program are world-renowned advisers, a rigorous and innovative study of global affairs, and hands-on exploration of Chinese culture and commerce. A year spent in China provides Scholars myriad experiences that create lifelong friendships and a valuable set of cross-cultural leadership skills.

“Now removed from my days in Beijing, I am struck by how often I think back to my experiences in China to make sense of world events, and in my day-to-day work with globally connected business.”

BOB WU

Australia, Class of 2017–2018

THE CORE CURRICULUM IS FOCUSED ON THREE MULTIDISCIPLINARY PILLARS

LEADERSHIP CHINA GLOBAL AFFAIRS



ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

The Schwarzman Scholars curriculum is designed to build students' leadership abilities and deepen their knowledge of China and global affairs. In addition to the core curriculum, Scholars choose elective courses to individualize their academic experience. They will also complete an individual or group Capstone Project, the culmination of their Schwarzman College experience.

Upon completion of the program, all Scholars receive a Master's Degree in Global Affairs, awarded by Tsinghua University.

CORE CURRICULUM

- A choice of courses designed to analyze leadership characteristics from interdisciplinary perspectives and multiple cultural and professional settings
- A course on the past 40 years of China's political, economic, and social reform
- A course introducing students to current and future challenges in global affairs

ELECTIVE COURSES

- China-focused electives to delve deeper into China's domestic policies, history, and global roles
- Electives drawn mainly from the fields of economics, public policy and global affairs

“With an open mind and an eagerness to soak in everything that my year in Beijing could offer, each conversation with a Scholar seemed to reveal a new layer or insight into topics, cultures, and interests.”

MIRANDA GOTTLIEB
United States of America, Class of 2017–2018

FEATURES OF THE IMMERSIVE CURRICULUM



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DEEP DIVE

The Deep Dive course provides Scholars with a broad understanding of China through a series of introductory lectures and cultural excursions around Beijing. Scholars will then have the opportunity to explore economic, political, and social topics by visiting companies, government agencies, villages, and cultural sites during the week-long field trip in November.



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CHINESE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

Language courses are mandatory in Module One, then become optional. International students can take Chinese language instruction from beginner to advanced. Chinese and international students can take advanced English language classes, focusing on academic and business writing.

“When you live with Scholars from 40 other countries in a place like China, you are absorbing the most important aspect of leadership: cross-cultural competency and mutual understanding.”

AMY STURSBURG

Chief Executive Officer, Schwarzman Scholars



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OPTIONAL INTERNSHIPS

We encourage Scholars pursuing internships to take advantage of the strong relationships our program has with diverse Beijing-based organizations. Students may arrange an internship on their own, or reference the job portal for available intern and volunteer opportunities. Organizations include businesses, state-owned enterprises, international organizations, non-governmental agencies, and schools.



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PERSONALIZED MENTORSHIP

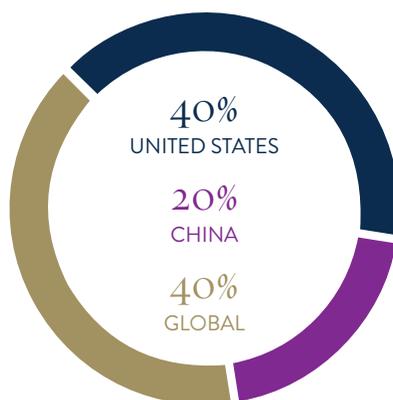
Each Scholar will select a mentor from a pool of leaders in business, academic, government, and NGO communities, primarily based in Beijing. Our mentors provide a space for students to learn and experience various leadership styles and gain new perspectives on China and China's role in the world. Opportunities to engage with our entire network of mentors are available throughout the year.

Join a diverse community that will lead global change.



ADMISSIONS

Every year, Schwarzman Scholars are selected through a rigorous and thorough selection process. Successful applicants must be able to demonstrate not only an excellent academic record but also the capacity to understand emerging trends, to design solutions, and to inspire others. All qualified candidates will have completed their undergraduate degrees prior to enrollment and must be highly proficient in English.



“If you are having doubts about your credentials or background, know that there is no such thing as an average Schwarzman Scholar.”

CHRIS SPERRAZZA

United States of America, Class of 2019–2020

THE SELECTION PROCESS IS DESIGNED TO EVALUATE THREE KEY FACTORS

DEMONSTRATED
LEADERSHIP

INTELLECT

EXEMPLARY
CHARACTER &
INTEGRITY



SELECTION PROCESS

Applications are reviewed by a distinguished team of readers from around the world. Select candidates are invited for in-person interviews in Beijing, Singapore, London, or New York before international panels composed of CEOs, former heads of state, university presidents, non-profit executives, journalists, and other global leaders.

3,500+ Applicants

400+ Candidates interviewed

140+ Scholars selected

18-28 Applicant age range

~40 Countries represented in each class

ADMISSIONS CYCLE

CHINA CANDIDATES	JANUARY Application opens	MAY Application deadline	OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER Candidate interviews conducted	DECEMBER Class is announced	AUGUST Arrival the following year in Beijing for orientation and start of the academic year
US & GLOBAL CANDIDATES	APRIL Application opens	SEPTEMBER Application deadline			

“This high-engagement, rigorous leadership and academic program helps Scholars immerse themselves into specific topics and practices while honing their skills as future global leaders.”

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