



THE SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARSHIP

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OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

The Schwarzman Scholarship pays for a Master's Degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, including the following: tuition, fees, room and board, travel to and from Beijing at the beginning and end of the academic year, in-country study tours, required course books and supplies, a Lenovo laptop and smartphone, health insurance, and a personal stipend.

Designed to prepare the next generation of global leaders, **Schwarzman Scholars** is the first scholarship created to respond to the changing 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.

ELIGIBILITY

- Undergraduate degree or first degree from an accredited college or university or its equivalent (earned by August 1 of their Schwarzman enrollment year)
- Candidates must be at least 18 but not yet 29 years of age as of August 1, 2025.
- Applicants must demonstrate strong English skills, as all teaching will be conducted in English.
- There are no citizenship or nationality requirements.

- Academic excellence will be 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 will be among the top students in their graduating class. There are no course prerequisites for applicants to the program.

HOW TO APPLY

- It is highly recommended that candidates submit applications when completed or up to two weeks in advance of the deadline. Due to high volume, submitting on the deadline day is NOT recommended, and applications received late (even due to online issues) will not be accepted.
- REQUIRED FORMS AND RECORDS INCLUDE:
 - A complete and successfully submitted online application, including the requested personal statement(s) and supplementary components below.
 - Uploaded transcripts/academic records from every degree-granting college or university attended (undergraduate or graduate – must be combined into one PDF and then uploaded). If transcripts are not in English, official translations must be included.
 - Three electronic letters of recommendation: At least one of these letters must come from a recommender who can comment on the specific examples of leadership described in the candidate's application, but the recommender must at least be able to comment on the candidate's leadership qualities from direct knowledge of the candidate.
 - Video: Submission of a video is strongly recommended but not required. The video can be up to one minute in length, and candidates are invited to introduce themselves in any style or setting they think best conveys their interests and personality. Note: the file must be less than 20MB to upload it to the application.

- Current resume/CV: Please submit a resume or CV appropriate for any application for employment in your country. This can be no longer than two pages.
- Two Essays:
 - Essay One: Statement of Purpose and Leadership (750 words). Guidance on describing your leadership qualities and experience in the Statement of Purpose and Leadership: Candidates must describe specific examples of their leadership that (1) explore their intellectual/analytical abilities to understand challenges and opportunities, and envision solutions, (2) take initiative to act, (3) use strong interpersonal skills to inspire a team effort, and (4) push through resistance and/or challenges in reaching results. The key is to help the committee understand the candidate's leadership characteristics, not just to list titles and accomplishments. Candidates should avoid describing situations that might fall into one of the following categories, all of which are valuable learning and growth experiences, but do not give the committee a deeper understanding of the applicant's leadership characteristics over extended periods of time: (1) accomplishing a difficult but typical task assigned in the workplace (2) solving brief problems of cultural miscommunication while traveling or studying overseas (3) simply winning office in a student or community organization (It is, however, helpful, to describe the challenges faced and accomplishments achieved in office.) (4) brief situational challenges (focus instead on longer term projects and challenges.)
 - Essay Two: Current Affairs Essay (up to 500 words): Choose an issue in contemporary social, international, business, environmental, diplomatic, arts, or other policy that is of interest to you. This essay should lay out the current factors and trends influencing the topic and make a realistic recommendation of how local, national, or international leaders should intervene to contribute to a more peaceful and prosperous future.

- The selection process involves a rigorous evaluation of all of these components as well as in-person regional interviews. (Finalists will be notified mid-October if they are to be invited to interviews.)
- There are no requirements for a specific field of undergraduate study; all fields are welcome, but it will be important for applicants, regardless of undergraduate major, to articulate how participating in Schwarzman Scholars will help develop their leadership potential within their field.
- 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 single students. Spouses/partners may not live in the dormitory, and no additional funding will be provided to support spouses/partners living off-campus.
- Applicants are discouraged from submitting any materials that not required as such materials will not be shared with the Review Committee.

[Click here for detailed instructions.](#)

FOR RECOMENDERS

Register three recommenders by providing their names, professional titles, and contact details. You can change how your name is displayed to your recommender if they know you by a different name or nickname. Once you enter the recommender's details and click "Send to Recommender," a system-generated Recommendation Request email with a unique submission link will be automatically sent to the recommender. Recommenders should know you well and be able to speak to your intellectual abilities, personal characteristics, and demonstrated leadership using specific examples from their direct experience working with you. Family members or relatives cannot be selected as recommenders. Recommenders should follow the instructions in the Recommendation Request email to submit their letters. We will not accept emailed or mailed letters, or letters uploaded by applicants.

An applicant may send a reminder to their recommender via the application system by clicking “Edit” to open the recommender’s details. Click “Send Reminder” to immediately send an auto-generated reminder message. Applicants should remind recommenders to also check their spam folder.

In extenuating cases when a recommender has informed an applicant that they are no longer able to provide a letter of recommendation by the deadline, an applicant may need to remove and replace a recommender. In this circumstance, click “Edit” to open the recommender’s details and click “Exclude.” This action will exclude the recommender and will be reflected under their status on your recommender list; they will no longer have access to their unique link. Once excluded, the applicant may add a new recommender. It is also possible to reinstate a previously removed recommender. Click “Edit” to open the excluded recommender’s details and click “Reinstate.” This action will reinstate the recommender and they will regain access to their unique link. It is the applicant’s responsibility to inform your recommender(s) of any changes to their status.

Note: while the exclude/reinstate functionality is available for applicants to make edits to recommenders directly, we advise to reserve this action for extenuating circumstances only. You are responsible for communicating with your recommenders to ensure their letters are submitted properly and by the deadline.

You can submit your application before all recommendation letters are received. Applicants may check the status of recommendation letters by returning to the “Recommendation” page of the application even after submitting the application via the “Status” page. Applicants will be notified by email when a recommender has submitted their letter.