

# Schwarzman Scholars Program

From the Schwarzman Scholars Program:

“Designed to prepare young leaders to deepen understanding between China and the rest of the world, 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 pursue a Master of Global Affairs, working with an academic advisor to design an academic plan that best suits his or her academic and professional goals.

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 that will build strong ties between China and the rest of the world.

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

## Overview

The Schwarzman Scholarship enables future leaders to earn an 11-month Master’s Degree in global policy from Tsinghua University in Beijing, China and covers academic fees, flights to and from your home country, accommodation in Beijing, opportunities to learn with global leaders and networking and internship opportunities on a global scale.

# The history

The program was created in 2013 and welcomed its first cohort to Beijing's Tsinghua University in 2016 with the aim of improving strategic communication in leadership between China and the rest of the world, producing empowered future leaders with a Master of Global Affairs. Schwarzman Scholars live on the main campus in the Schwarzman College.

# Funding

Schwarzman Scholars are fully funded for the 11-month program. [Funding](#) covers academic fees, flights, [accommodation](#) and board, and exposure to enigmatic future and [current world leaders](#).

# Eligibility

- To be eligible for consideration, you must hold an undergraduate degree or be due to graduate before August 1, 2021.
- Applicants for fall 2021 must be over 18 years of age and under 29 years of age as of August 1, 2021.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also submit proof of their English language competency: TOEFL PBT minimum score 600 or TOEFL iBT minimum score 100, or IELTS minimum score 7.0.

There are no citizenship or nationality requirements. Your undergraduate degree can be in any subject area. There is no minimum GPA requirement. Mandarin skills are not required.

# Benefits

Students who are accepted and participate in this program will:

- Earn a Master of Global Affairs while spending a fully funded year in China
- Tailor their degree to meet their learning goals through a large catalogue of course offerings
- Develop their leadership through training, senior mentors, and Beijing-based internships
- Enjoy regular “fireside” chats and guest speaker opportunities with world leaders

- Participate in a week-long deep dive field-based course
- Present their experience and learning in a final capstone project

## Application

The evaluation process includes the online application and interview(s).

Applications are arranged by citizenship/permanent residency status. Studying at the University of Toronto does not dictate when you apply.

Applicants with Chinese passports apply by **May 2020**, with selections made in **September 2020**.

Global applicants apply by **September 22, 2020**, with selections made in **November 2020**.

## Document guidelines

In addition to the online application, you must submit the following:

- Resume (2 pages maximum)
- Transcripts/academic records
- Essays (2)
- Letters of recommendation (3)
- Video (optional)

Any other documents or materials will not be reviewed.

## Important dates

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- 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 and May 31, 2020 through the China application portal.
- The application period for U.S and global applicants is now open. Apply by September 22, 2020.

## Additional resources

The University of Toronto has contributed past Schwarzman Scholars. Read their [bios](#) to learn about the program, application information and their highlights.

Currently, all admissions events are being hosted online. Check the [calendar of events](#).

Still have questions? Read more in the [Schwarzman Scholars FAQ](#).

## Contact us

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