Schwarzman Scholars

Global Leadership for the 21st Century

"Those Who Will Lead the Future Must Understand China Today."

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AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF THINKERS AND INNOVATORS

Set on a state-of-the-art campus in Beijing, Scholars will refine and expand their leadership abilities while completing a fully funded, one-year Master's Degree in Global Affairs, drawing on courses offered within Schwarzman College in economics, business, public policy, and international studies and other courses in the College and around the university.

CROSS-CULTURAL CONNECTIONS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

Scholars will join an international network of current and future leaders, engaging one-on-one with business leaders, public officials, scientists, artists, and thought leaders.

INTRODUCING PROMISING YOUNG LEADERS TO CHINA

Schwarzman Scholars brings together young leaders from around the world who will develop their capacity to bridge different perspectives, produce results on issues of importance, and serve as intermediaries between China and the rest of the world.

ONE-YEAR MASTER'S DEGREE IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF GLOBAL LEADERS

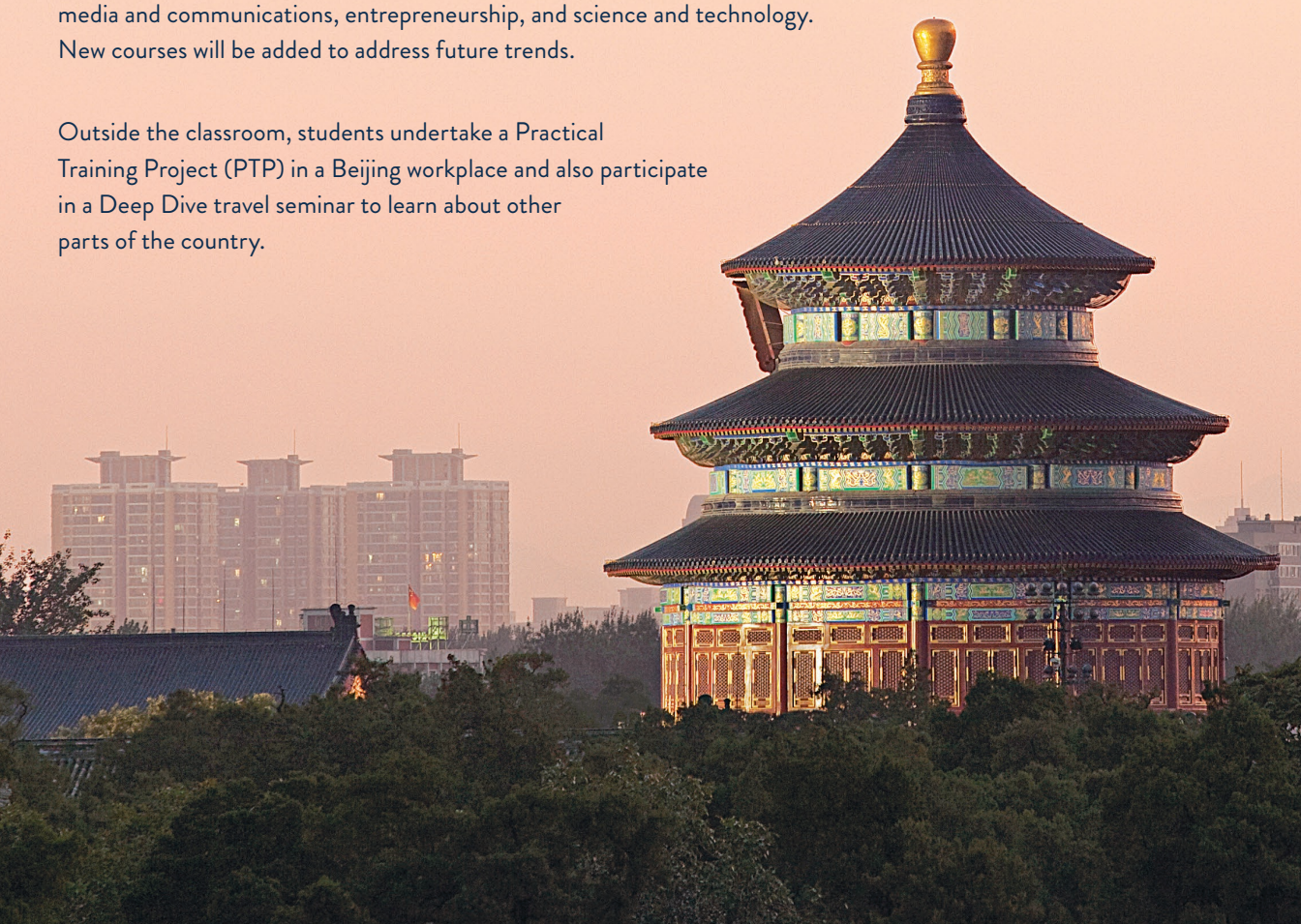
The Schwarzman Scholars program was designed to strengthen students' leadership abilities and deepen their knowledge of China in the current global context. Scholars share a core curriculum focused on three multidisciplinary pillars

- Leadership
- China
- Global Affairs

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

In addition, Scholars have a range of courses at Schwarzman College and at Tsinghua University to choose from in order to focus their studies on individual areas of interest. Courses are mainly drawn from the fields of economics and business, public policy, and international relations, and are taught by a highly accomplished faculty from Tsinghua and other world-class global universities. Altogether, the courses cover many critical current issues in global affairs such as climate change, global security, public health, social media and communications, entrepreneurship, and science and technology. New courses will be added to address future trends.

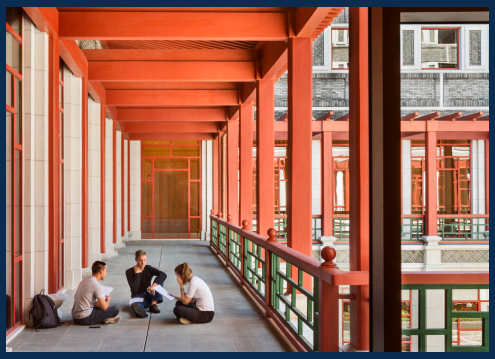
Outside the classroom, students undertake a Practical Training Project (PTP) in a Beijing workplace and also participate in a Deep Dive travel seminar to learn about other parts of the country.



SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARS CURRICULUM

Scholars will enroll at Tsinghua University, one of China's premier institutions, known for its academic excellence and international partnerships. It is the alma mater of some of China's most important leaders, including the current and former Presidents, Xi Jinping and Hu Jintao.

The Schwarzman Scholars curriculum was developed in collaboration with academic leaders from Tsinghua, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, Oxford, Duke and other prestigious universities around the world.



A YEAR AT TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY

Leadership Development
The program offers courses and workshops focused specifically on leadership development.

Capstone
The Capstone Project is a final presentation of students' classroom and experiential learning. There are three Capstone project options: a research paper, a case study, or a policy analysis.

Practical Training Project (PTP)
The Practical Training Project (PTP) is part of the experiential learning program in which scholars work in small groups on consulting-style projects for leading Chinese and international companies and nonprofit organizations.

Deep Dive
The Deep Dive is a one-week, field-based faculty-led course that gives students the opportunity to learn about a different region of China as well as explore a research topic related to broader themes of economic, social, and political development.

MULTI-DIMENSIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Combined with their firsthand experiences in China, students will gain the skills needed to maximize their leadership potential. A specific course of study will teach the fundamental aspects of managing and leading people — including group behavior and performance; managing people one-on-one; and leading, motivating and aligning people toward a common vision. This course puts a particular emphasis on developing well-aligned, high performing organizations and the challenges of leading change. Finally, it addresses some of the basic choices involved in managing a career, especially in its early stages.

Additional classes and activities throughout the year, developed in partnership with the Rhodes Trust, are designed for students to learn from one another, to better understand their different backgrounds, views and strategies for confronting challenges.

WORLD-CLASS FACULTY FROM CHINA AND ABROAD

Taught in English, courses draw on some of the most accomplished professors from Tsinghua University and other leading institutions. Visiting entrepreneurs, policy makers, and thought leaders from around the world will complement regular classes.

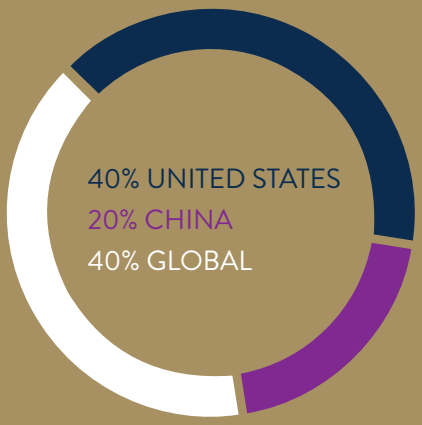
PERSONALIZED MENTORSHIP TO HELP SCHOLARS GROW

Each student will work closely with a mentor from Chinese business, academic and government communities to help advance their professional goals.

THE ADMISSION PROCESS

Every year Schwarzman Scholars are selected through a rigorous and thorough selection process designed to evaluate leadership experience and potential, intellectual and academic ability, including the capacity to understand emerging trends, design solutions, and inspire others to a vision, as well as strength of character. All qualified candidates will have successfully completed their undergraduate degrees prior to enrollment and must be highly proficient in English.

Applications are reviewed by a distinguished team of readers from around the world. Semi-finalists are invited for in-person interviews in Beijing, Bangkok, London, or New York before international panels composed of CEOs, former heads of state, university presidents, non-profit executives, journalists, and other leaders. These interviewers draw on their own experience of leadership to identify a cohort of highly accomplished candidates whose paths to leadership will be enhanced by an introduction to China and its global role.



3,000+ APPLICANTS

400+ CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED

140+ SCHOLARS SELECTED

3.8 GPA AVERAGE AMONG SELECTED SCHOLARS

18-28 APPLICANT AGE RANGE

January
Application available for candidates from Greater China

April
Application available for US & Global candidates

May
Application deadline for candidates from Greater China

September
Application deadline for US & Global candidates

August
(following year) Arrival in Beijing. Orientation and start of the program

Total number of scholars is expected to increase gradually over the coming years. Admissions statistics give an overview of the selection process, but prospective applicants should keep in mind that selection is based on the non-quantifiable qualities described above.

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