

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Hometown: _____

Major 1: _____

Concentration: _____

Major 2: _____

Concentration: _____

Major 3: _____

Concentration: _____

Minor(s): _____

Academic Advisor(s): _____

Schwarzman Scholars

Award Details:

Emphasis:

Academic

Research

Language

Experiential

International

Brief Description:

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.

The following costs are covered as a Schwarzman Scholar:

- 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
- Lenovo laptop and smartphone
- Health insurance
- Personal stipend of \$3,500

Can The Award Be Deferred? No

Can The Award Be Renewed? No

Scholarship Conditions:

Eligibility Requirements

- 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 by August 1, 2018 before orientation begins. 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.
- Age Requirement.
 - Candidates must be at least 18 but not yet 29 years of age as of August 1, 2018.
- 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)
 - Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT)
 - International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
 - Many Chinese applicants to Schwarzman Scholars have had difficulty registering at English language test sites in Mainland China due to high demand. To ensure that talented applicants are not excluded in this first year, we will allow applicants from China to temporarily submit results from CET-6 or TEM-8, using the "additional information" field in the application form. If those candidates are on the shortlist to be invited as a semi-finalist for an interview, they will be required to complete a phone interview before semi-finalist decisions are made. If they are a finalist, their offer of admission will be conditional, and they will still be required to submit a TOEFL or IELTS score above the minimum requirements for Schwarzman Scholars before March 1 of 2018.
 - This requirement is waived for applicants who graduated from an undergraduate institution where the primary language of instruction was English for at least two years of the applicant's academic program.

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 single 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 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, 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.

Eligibility:

Applicant Education Level:	Senior undergraduate or graduate
Open to (Non-US) International Students:	Yes
Required to Demonstrate Financial Need:	No
Specified Majors:	Masters of Global Affairs with concentrations in Public Policy, International Studies, or Business and Economics
Minimum GPA:	None
Age Limit:	Under 29

Candidate Profile: Key Characteristics Sought By Review Committee

A Schwarzman Scholar should demonstrate extraordinary leadership potential and interpersonal skills, the ability and initiative to anticipate and act on emerging opportunities, strong intellectual capacity, and exemplary character. This can be demonstrated in activities on campus, off campus volunteering, or in the work place.

The average GPA of recipients is a 3.8.

Selection:

Number of Candidates Awarded Each Year:	140
Interview:	In-Person (Travel Costs Covered)
Approximate Date Selected Candidates Are Notified:	November

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Information Sessions:

Webinars for Candidates:	Yes, Year Round
Webinars for Advisors:	Yes, TBD

Website:

Official Website:	http://www.schwarzmanscholars.org/about/
Application Components:	https://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicants/application_components

Application:

Date Application is Available:	Mid-April
Application Due Date:	Late September
Application Must Be Submitted By:	Candidate
Institutional Endorsement Required:	No
Institutional Cover Letter Required:	Yes

Application Process

<i>The application includes the following</i>	Deadline	Date Completed	
Completed Online Application		_____	
Academic Transcripts ¹		_____	
Four Electronic Letters of Recommendation ²		_____	
Name	Position	Date Notified	Date Completed
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Video ³			_____
Essay ⁴			_____
Current Resume/CV (2-page limit)			_____

1. 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.

2. 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. Recommendations must be translated to English by a professional translator if written in another language.

For currently enrolled undergraduate students, one of the four letters should be an institutional letter of recommendation (if their university can provide this service): This brief letter should provide the following information: If this student is an undergraduate, is s/he on track to complete all requirements for a Bachelor's Degree (or its equivalent) before August 1, 2018; If this student is an undergraduate when will the degree be awarded; Is there anything additional and specific about this candidate that you feel the selection committee should know that is not likely reflected in other parts of the application? Especially helpful are insights that explain academic accomplishments, awards, or extracurricular activities in the context of the university/college, things that an application reader might now know about that particular institution, for example: "This award is given to only one student per year at our college." This letter of assessment may be completed by different offices, depending on the university. In many universities in the United States, this type of assessment is provided by a Fellowships Office or a comparable university-wide service office. In other universities, it might be completed by the dean of students or the university registrar.

3. 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 in order for you to upload it to the application.

4. The essay falls into three distinct sections.

- Personal Statement (up to 750 words): Describe your professional interests and values and how the Schwarzman Scholars program and deeper knowledge of China will help advance your goals. Describe both your short-term objectives for the 1-3 years after the program and your long-term aspirations. How will you contribute to the community of Schwarzman Scholars and to the program's mission?
- Leadership Essay (up to 750 words): We want candidates to provide specific examples of their leadership that explore their abilities to understand challenges and opportunities, envision solutions, take initiative to act, inspire others to join an effort, and push through resistance and/or challenges in reaching results. The applicant's example(s) of leadership might address some but not all of these characteristics. Examples might include efforts such as founding a student organization that successfully addressed a pressing need on campus; taking on an influential role in an existing organization to redirect or revitalize it in the context of a new challenge; founding and running a startup to take advantage of an emerging opportunity. Candidates should NOT let these examples limit their thinking and should draw on their own personal experiences for similar examples of leadership. 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 over extended periods of time: (1) accomplishing a difficult but typical task assigned to you 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.)
- 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.