Schwarzman Scholarship

Website: Schwarzman Scholarship

Campus Contact: Barbara Gorka, barbara.gorka@temple.edu, 215 204 0708

Internal Deadline: August 15 annually

Internal Application Instructions:

Students interested in applying for the Schwarzman Scholarship must be nominated by the university. Applications cannot be completed without the support of the university’s nominating official (Barbara Gorka). In order to apply for nomination, students must email a signed copy of the form below (or submit in hard copy), submit the requested essays, and have three letters of recommendation emailed to Barbara Gorka at barbara.gorka@temple.edu. At least one of these letters must come from a recommender who has had direct experience with the candidate and can describe the candidate’s leadership potential. The deadline for receipt of these materials is August 15.

Award Description:

Designed to prepare the next generation of global leaders, Schwarzman Scholars was 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. The program will give 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 will live and study together on the campus of Schwarzman College, a newly-built, state-of-the-art facility, where all classes will be taught in English. Students will pursue degrees in one of three disciplines: 1) Public Policy, 2) Economics and Business, and 3) International Studies.

Students will 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 will 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.

Nominees for the Schwarzman Scholarship must: complete their undergraduate degree by August 2017; show academic excellence (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 citizenship or nationality requirements.

Schwarzman Scholars will be selected on the basis of not only their academic aptitude and intellectual ability, but also their leadership potential, entrepreneurial spirit, ability to anticipate paradigm changes, exemplary character, and desire to understand other cultures, perspectives and positions.
Schwarzman Scholarship Application for Nomination

PART I: Personal Information

Date: _______________    Name: _____________________________________    TU ID: ___________________________

Date of birth: _______________    Date of graduation: _______________    Cell #: _____________________

Citizenship (please circle):       American citizen       Permanent resident       Visa holder

Permanent Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Major(s) and Minor(s): ___________________________________________________________________    Current GPA: _________

PART II: Recommenders

Three letters of recommendation are required to apply for nomination. Writers MUST provide letters of support to Barbara Gorka (barbara.gorka@temple.edu) as email attachments or in hard copy to Suite 201 Tuttleman Learning Center by August 15. At least one of these letters must come from a recommender who has had direct experience with the candidate and can describe the candidate’s leadership potential. List the names of your references and how you know them here:

1) ______________________________________________________________________________________

2) ______________________________________________________________________________________

3) ______________________________________________________________________________________

PART III: Additional Transcripts

If you attended a postsecondary institution prior to Temple, please provide a photocopied or unofficial transcript. Temple University transcripts are not required at this time.

PART IV: 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?

PART V: Leadership Essay (up to 750 words): The Schwarzman Scholars program wants 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.)

PART VI: (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.
PART VII: Waiver

I, ________________________________________, do hereby consent to the following initialed items in pursuit of the
________________________________________ (Scholarship/Award Name).

________ (Required) As required under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, I hereby grant permission to officials of my
institution to release transcripts of my academic progress and standing, including my grade point average (GPA), individual course
grades, individual assignment grades, and/or other similar academic information and information submitted as part of the
application for this award, to members of the internal nominating committee, which will consist of employees of Temple University.

________ (Required) I grant permission to officials of my institution to contact recommenders listed in this application to solicit
feedback on my academic progress and standing.

________ (Required) I grant permission to the Associate Dean of Students at Temple University to release information to the
nominating committee from official records pertaining to academic honesty and conduct offense violations, and to provide
contextual information as to the severity of these offenses. This information may be given in either verbal or written form.

________ (Required) I grant permission to the nominating committee to review publicly available on-line information and images
pertaining to my person as part of the selection process.

________ (Required) I certify that all of the information I include in my application for this award, including listings of activities and
awards, research undertaken or planned, and personal statements or other essays, is my own work and is accurate and honest to
the best of my knowledge.

________ (Required) I waive any right I may have to view faculty and institutional letters of recommendation that are written for
the purpose of this award competition. While copies of these letters may be provided to me by the authors, I understand that this is
done as a courtesy by the author and does not affect this waiver. I understand that if I do not waive my right to view letters, my
recommenders will be notified and may choose to withdraw their letters.

________ I grant permission for Temple University to use my public biographical information to publicize my nomination and/or
receipt of this scholarship or fellowship.

________ I consent to have copies of my scholarship essays retained indefinitely and anonymously by Fellowships Advising at
Temple University and understand that they may be made available to future applicants as an example for them to review as they
prepare their own applications.

______________________________________________  ______________________
Signature                                           Date