Schwarzman Scholarship

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Website: [Schwarzman Scholarship](#)

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**Internal Deadline:** July 15 annually

**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. The program will give the world’s best and brightest students the opportunity to develop 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, 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.

**Eligibility and Selection Criteria:**

Nominees for the Schwarzman Scholarship must: complete their undergraduate degree by August 2018; be between 18 but not yet 29 years of age as of August 1, 2018; and show academic excellence (there is no minimum GPA or class rank required to apply, but competitive applicants typically have a 3.7 GPA or higher). There are no citizenship or nationality requirements.

Schwarzman Scholars will be selected not only on the basis of 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.

**Internal Application Instructions:**

The Schwarzman scholarship requires institutional nomination. Applications made directly to the awarding body will not be considered.
Students interested in applying to be among Temple University’s institutional nominees are encouraged to meet with Barbara Gorka (barbara.gorka@temple.edu) by May 31 to express their intent to apply.

Submit the following documents to Fellowships Advising at barbara.gorka@temple.edu or feladv@temple.edu by July 15.

_____ **Campus Waiver and Agreement.** Complete the [online agreement](mailto:). (Temple alumni without an active TU ID should request a paper version from barbara.gorka@temple.edu or feladv@temple.edu.)

_____ **Three Letters of Recommendation.** Writers should send letters of support to Barbara Gorka (barbara.gorka@temple.edu) as a PDF attachment by July 15. At least one of the letters must come from someone who can comment on the specific examples of leadership described in the candidate’s application. Please be sure to discuss the scholarship and its criteria with your recommenders. You may want to send these [Temple letter-writing guidelines](mailto:) to your references.

_____ **Resume/CV.** This should be no longer than two pages.

_____ **Transcripts.** Submit an unofficial copy of your Temple transcript or academic record as a PDF. If you earned transfer credit for work at a previous institution, summer school, or study abroad (on a non-Temple program), please provide an unofficial transcript as a PDF.

_____ **Personal Statement.** 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? (Up to 750 words)

_____ **Leadership Essay.** Provide specific examples of your leadership that explore your 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. (Up to 750 words)

_____ **Current Affairs Essay.** 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. (Up to 500 words)