

# Schwarzman Scholarship

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Every year, up to 200 Schwarzman Scholars will represent the world's next generation of leaders — high-caliber individuals with open minds and limitless potential. 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 and act on emerging trends and opportunities, exemplary character, and desire to understand other cultures, perspectives and positions.

**Award Name:** Schwarzman Scholarship

**Eligible Fields of Study:** any

**Type(s) of Program:** M.A.

**Further Criteria:**

- **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, 2019 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, 2019.
- **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 2019. 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.

#### **Requirements:**

1. **A complete and successfully submitted online application**, including the requested personal statement(s) and supplementary components below.
2. **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.
3. **Three electronic letters of recommendation.** 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.
4. **Video:** 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.
5. **Current resume/CV:** Please submit a resume or c.v. appropriate for any application for employment in your country. This can be no longer than 2 pages.
6. **Two Essays:**
  - a) **Essay One: Statement of Purpose and Leadership** (750 words). Feel free to write this as one continuous statement or to break it into short sections for each theme. In either case, you must stay within the 750-word limit. Describe your professional interests and goals; how they have evolved over time, and how will the Schwarzman Scholars program and a deeper knowledge of China's role in the world help advance your goals? Based on your prior professional and personal experiences, how do you think you will contribute to the community of Schwarzman Scholars and to the program's mission? Include specific situations in your professional, academic, or personal life when you have demonstrated the leadership qualities outlined below. Guidance on describing your leadership qualities and experience in the Statement of Purpose and Leadership: Candidates must describe specific examples of their leadership that (1) explore their intellectual/analytical abilities to understand challenges and opportunities, and envision solutions, (2) take initiative to act, (3) use strong interpersonal skills to inspire a team effort, and (4) 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 or community

organization that successfully addressed a pressing need; taking on a transformative role in an existing organization; 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. The key is to help the committee understand the candidate's leadership characteristics, not just to list titles and accomplishments. 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 characteristics over extended periods of time: (1) accomplishing a difficult but typical task assigned 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.)

- b) **Essay Two: 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.

**Value:** tuition; room and board; travel; in-country study tour; required course books and supplies; Lenovo laptop and smartphone; health insurance; \$3,500 stipend

**Application Deadline:** May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018

**For further information, please contact** <https://www.schwarzmanscholars.org/admissions/>