Schwarzman Scholars

Office of the Dean of Students Information Session
What is Schwarzman?

- Inspired by the Rhodes scholarship
- Designed to help future leaders meet the challenges of the 21st century and beyond by preparing them to better understand China’s culture, economy, governance and motivations.
- **One year Master’s Degree at Tsinghua University, Beijing**
- Core: Chinese Culture, History, and Values. Leading Issues in the Global Economy, Leadership, Comparative Government, Leading Issues in International Relations
- Concentration: Public Policy, Economics and Business, International Studies
What is covered?

- Tuition Fees
- Room and Board
- Travel to and from Beijing at the beginning and end of the academic year
- An in-country study tour
- Required course books and supplies
- Lenovo laptop
- Health insurance
- A personal stipend
Eligibility

- Undergraduate degree or first degree from an accredited college or university or its equivalent by August 1, 2019.
- English language proficiency
- Candidates must be at least 18 but not yet 29 years of age as of August 1, 2019.
WHAT WE LOOK FOR...

LEADERSHIP

We look for candidates who demonstrate the qualities necessary to assume leadership roles in their chosen field and cultural context, an ability to conceptualize and implement effective approaches to existing and emerging conditions; and who possess the energy and adaptability to help make change happen.

CHARACTER

We look for candidates who reveal a strong sense of values and integrity, demonstrating commitment to something—a cause, community, institution, enterprise, or ideal—larger than themselves. Ideal candidates are those who are capable of working with people with differing values and perspectives in order to achieve a greater goal. They demonstrate the ability to persevere when circumstances are challenging and take responsibility for and learn from failure.

INTELLECT

We look for candidates who demonstrate significant academic accomplishments and the intellectual agility to think flexibly across multiple fields, who apply intellectual skills in and out of the classroom, and show promise to contribute to a learning community; and those whose intellect and ability contribute to a dynamic, intercultural learning environment.
Application Process

• McGill Workshops

• **May 31st:** Deadline for applicants who hold passports from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macao (and who don’t hold permanent residency in another country).

• **September 27th:** General Application Deadline for all other candidates

• Late October / Early November: Interviews

• Late November: Finalists Notified
McGill Workshops

• TBA: Interview Workshop with CAPs
Reference Letters

- Three letters of recommendation (due September 27th)

- **Currently Enrolled Undergraduates** should have two letters from professors, and one addressing your leadership abilities

- **Graduate Students and Young Professionals** should have one letter from a professor, one addressing your leadership abilities and one that best represents your current profile (employer, additional academic letter)
Transcripts and CV

• Schwarzman requires an OFFICIAL transcript

• Since your application will be submitted electronically, you provide a scanned copy

• Can be requested online (through Minerva) or at Service Point

• A current Resume / CV no longer than 2 pages
Video

- Provide a short video self-introduction of no more than 1 minute
- Introduce yourself in any style or setting that best conveys your interests and personality.
- A video taken on your mobile, laptop or digital camera will suffice; we do not expect or encourage applicants to use professional equipment, production or editing.
- Strongly recommended, but not required
(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?
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.
Questions?

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