**2025 USF Pre-Application and Nomination**

**For**

**Schwarzman Scholars**

**Award Information**

The Schwarzman Scholars program gives talented students from any country the opportunity to develop their leadership skills through a one-year master’s degree in Global Affairs at Tsinghua University in Beijing – one of China’s most prestigious universities. In addition to intensive leadership training, recipients pursue concentrations in Public Policy, Economics and Business, or International Studies. Candidates must demonstrate academic excellence, commitment to service, and leadership in their chosen field – applicants must have significant off-campus experience. A GPA of 3.7 or higher is needed to apply. No experience in China or with Chinese is required.

Institutional Endorsement is required for a Schwarzman application and will come from the Office of National Scholarships.

**More details about the Schwarzman Scholars Concentration Areas can be found at** [**Schwarzman Scholars**](https://www.schwarzmanscholars.org/)

**Pre-Application and Nomination**

**Students can self-nominate** based on the criterion of the scholarship outlined above. Although students from all disciplines are supported, the applicant must be able to argue how pursuing their desired concentration in China will enable them to contribute as a leader in their field in the future.

Rising seniors, graduate students, and alumni (under age 27) may be nominated for immediate consideration. Rising juniors and rising sophomores will be considered as “pipeline candidates” to engage and train with ONS for 1-2 years before the application is due.

**Applicants must submit the following to** [**onsnominations@usf.edu**](mailto:onsnominations@usf.edu) **by 11.59 pm on 04.15.2025. Interviews will take place April 26, 2025.**

1. Completed application form

2. Responses to short essays

3. A current resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV) including academic, leadership, extracurricular and public service activities. Please do not provide a 1-page boilerplate resume. We need to know about all your activities.

4. A current unofficial transcript

**Application Form and Questionnaire**:

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| Name: | Major(s) and Minor(s): | Cumulative GPA:  Expected Graduation (Sem. & Year): |
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| Research Adviser/Mentor | Schwarzman Concentration: | Signature: |
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**Questionnaire: The response for each essay below is limited to no more than 300 words, except #2.**

1. Why do you want and need to study in China? How will studying in China have an impact on your future career?
2. Write a 500-word personal statement about you.
3. What are your professional and academic aspirations? Specify how your chosen concentration at Tsinghua University will assist you in achieving your goals beyond graduate school.
4. Do you know what a “change agent” is? Do you consider yourself to be one? Why?
5. Describe the conditions or issues in our society (or environment) which trouble you. How do you envision your future career (or career sector) supporting improving these conditions?
6. Describe one specific example of your leadership – what issue did you address, how did you get others to follow you, and what changed because of your involvement? Please include details on your role with the activity.
7. Describe your community service-related activities that were not organized by USF/your high school. Please include details on your role with each activity.
8. Describe the organizations or activities you have participated in which relate to your career interests.
9. For the activities indicated above (leadership, extracurricular-service related activities, on-or-off campus organizations), what experience(s) do you have with public speaking? Have you addressed or engaged a room full of people before? Describe this experience.
10. List 3 references and describe how, and in what capacity they know/have known you.