

## **General Terms and Conditions**

### **Becas Santander | Schwarzman Scholars**

The **Stephen A. Schwarzman Education Foundation (SASEF)**, with the promotional support of **Banco Santander, S.A.**, administrates the **Schwarzman Scholars** program. Schwarzman Scholars comprises a fully-funded Masters' Degree program in Global Affairs based at Tsinghua University, in Beijing (China). The scholarship program is open to young leaders from all nationalities and all areas of expertise who aspire to pursue careers of global impact.

#### **I. Objectives**

Schwarzman Scholars is the first program specifically designed to address the most pressuring challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The primary goal of the program is to recruit, prepare and support a global network of Scholars and alumni who, over the next decades, will contribute to deepen and strengthen relationships between China and the world.

The program comprises a full-time, 11-month academic program centered on a core curriculum that includes classes and workshops on three main disciplinary fields: Leadership, Global Affairs and China. The program also encompasses a wide range of extra-curricular and experiential learning activities in China, including internships, mentoring opportunities and deep dive travel seminars in which students explore different parts of China.

Scholars graduating from Schwarzman Scholars receive a Master's Degree in Global Affairs from Tsinghua University. The degree is recognized by the Chinese Ministry of Education. The program equips Scholars with hard and soft skills to perform at high-level leadership positions in business, government, academia and non-profit sectors. Moreover, admitted Scholars are offered an unparalleled opportunity to join a select network of young professionals, faculty and leaders from around the world.

#### **II. Recipients**

Schwarzman Scholars is open to candidates from all nationalities, backgrounds and areas of expertise. Eligible applicants must be at least 18 but not yet 28 years old as of August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year they are applying (i.e.: candidates applying in 2021, for admissions into the Class of 2022-2023, must be 27 years-old or younger on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021).

Candidates must also have completed their undergraduate degree (or equivalent) before the beginning of the program in Beijing. Therefore, candidates may still be enrolled in their undergraduate program at the time of application as long as they are in good standing to graduate before the start of the academic year (i.e.: candidates applying in 2021 must complete all requirements for their undergraduate degree before August of 2022). Applicants who have already obtained an undergraduate degree or another graduate level degree (i.e. Masters, Doctorate, PhD) are also eligible to apply. If admitted into Schwarzman Scholars, candidates cannot be simultaneously enrolled in any other academic program during their time at Schwarzman College, as the Schwarzman Scholars program requires full-time dedication.

There are no specific requirements in respect to field of study or academic background prior to applying to Schwarzman Scholars. The program invites applicants from all majors and disciplinary fields. Past Scholars, for example, have graduated from fields as diverse as Engineering, Law, Arts, Social Sciences, Earth Sciences, Media Studies and Medicine.

English is the language of instruction at Schwarzman Scholars. Therefore, candidates must provide proof of English language proficiency as part of their application material. (For more information, please verify the Application Instructions [here](#)). Knowledge of Mandarin or previous experience in China are **not** required to apply to Schwarzman Scholars.

### III. Program Characteristics and Available Scholarships

Every year, approximately 160 candidates are admitted into Schwarzman Scholars, of which 20% are Chinese nationals, 40% are United States nationals (or graduates from US universities) and the remaining 40% are from other parts of the world.

Schwarzman Scholars consists in a comprehensive scholarship, which covers **all** expenses incurred by students during their year in the program. These expenses include:

- Tuition & Fees
- Room & Board (accommodation)
- In-country Study Tours
- Travel to and from Beijing
- Health Insurance
- Additional Stipend for Personal Expenses (\*USD 5,000 - TBD)

All Scholars are fully-funded and receive the same benefits. There is **not** an option to pay for the program or choose to cover any of the expenses independently, as all Scholars are admitted through the same, unique selection process.

All candidates admitted into Schwarzman Scholars undertake the same program of studies and graduate with the same degree in Global Affairs. The program is conducted in person, in China, and all Scholars live at Schwarzman College during their year of studies in Beijing<sup>1</sup>. Scholars have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of elective courses in the later part of the program in order to accommodate their experience to their individual academic interests and career goals.

In order to complete the program, Scholars must successfully pass all required for-credit courses and defend their final Capstone project, a research-intensive component of their Masters studies and a culmination of their overall experience in China.

### IV. Management

In order to be considered, candidates must submit their complete application material through the [Schwarzman Scholars Global Application Home Page](#) by **September 21, 2021**. Only completed applications submitted through the Portal by the date specified

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<sup>1</sup> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, classes and other program activities have been conducted virtually since February of 2020.

above will be evaluated.

Registrations to the Schwarzman Scholars program via the Becas Santander webpage do not guarantee a place in the selection process and do not replace the need to submit a full application via the Schwarzman Scholars Application Home Page.

Applicants can re-apply to Schwarzman Scholars as many times as they wish, as long as they meet the eligibility criteria and requirements. Re-applicants will not be disadvantaged during the selection process.

## **V. Allocation of scholarships among candidates**

All candidates applying in 2021 to the Schwarzman Scholars Class of 2022-2023 will be notified about the outcome of their applications by mid-October 2021. Candidates will be notified directly by members of the Global Admissions Team at Schwarzman Scholars. Notifications and other communications regarding the application which are provided by organizations other than the administration of the Schwarzman Scholars program should not be considered final or official.

Also in October, candidates invited to the final selection stage (interviews) will be informed about their specific and non-transferable interview date and time. Interviews will take place virtually, between late October and early November, in different time zones.

Final Offers of Admissions will be sent to selected candidates in November. Admitted candidates will have 10 days to accept or reject the offer of admission. This decision will be final. The Schwarzman Scholars program does not have a deferral policy, so candidates do not have the option to postpone or transfer their admissions offer to a future year or application cycle. Candidates who reject an offer of admissions must reapply to the program in case they wish to be reconsidered.

The public announcement of the Scholars selected to the 2022-2023 cohort of Schwarzman Scholars will be made in December 2021.

## **VI. Taxation**

All benefits comprised by the Schwarzman Scholars scholarship are non-taxable.

## **VII. Data protection**

All personal data submitted as part of the Schwarzman Scholars application process will be considered data voluntarily provided by each individual applicant, with their full consent. The use and management of personal data by Schwarzman Scholars will follow strict procedures of privacy. Personal information will be subjected to data protection laws and regulations of the country/region where the applicant is from.

## **VIII. General Terms and Conditions Modifications**

Taking part in the current Schwarzman Scholars application cycle means that the applicants accept this 'General Terms and Conditions' and its implications, which will be unquestionable, and renounces to any kind of claim regarding any aspect included in said

Terms and Conditions, such as, but not exclusive to, the scholarships allocation criteria and the selection and admission process. SASEF and Santander reserve the right to modify the General Terms and Conditions of this call, either wholly or in part, at any moment.