



Yenching Academy of Peking University

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MISSION

The Yenching Academy of Peking University builds bridges between China and the rest of the world through an interdisciplinary master's program in China Studies for outstanding graduates from all over the globe. This initiative brings young people who show promise to lead and innovate in their fields together in an intensive learning environment where they can explore China and its role in the world - past, present, and future. The Academy aims to thereby shape a new generation of global citizens with a nuanced understanding of China.

As a fully funded residential program, the Yenching Academy offers a wide array of interdisciplinary courses on China within broadly defined fields of the Humanities and Social Sciences. Working closely with their academic mentors, Yenching Scholars are granted the flexibility to create their own study paths by choosing from six academic concentrations and participating in a variety of extracurricular activities. Studying at the Academy represents a unique opportunity not only for intercultural and academic exchange, but also for personal and professional development.





"In this era of transition and change, I look to students and staff at the Yenching Academy to act as global citizens and contribute to our efforts to promote peace, development, and human rights."

Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations

"Studying at the Yenching Academy of Peking University is an opportunity to interact not only with the great minds of China, but with the great emergent minds from all around the world."



Elizabeth J. Perry
Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute



"There couldn't possibly be a greater opportunity for any of you than the one presented at Yenching."

Mark Schwartz
Global Vice Chairman and Chairman of Goldman Sachs Asia-Pacific



ABOUT PEKING UNIVERSITY



Since its founding in 1898, Peking University has played a central role in China's modern history. Established as the country's first comprehensive institute for higher education during the Guangxu Emperor's Hundred Days of Reform, it has educated many of China's leading scientific, literary, and political figures, including famous writers such as Lu Xun and Shen Congwen, as well as the Nobel Prize-winning scientists Tsung-Dao Lee and Tu Youyou.

In the tumultuous years following the Qing Dynasty's collapse, the university was a hotbed of intellectual activity in the new Chinese republic. Students and faculty of Peking University were the main participants in the radical May Fourth Movement in 1919, a major intellectual and cultural development that has shaped Chinese society and politics since.

Peking University has continued to play a seminal role in China's modernization, and has been at the forefront of all of the country's important intellectual movements. Widely regarded as China's leading comprehensive institution of higher learning, Peking University topped the Times Higher Education BRICS & Emerging Economies Rankings in 2016, as it has done every year since their inception in 2014.

With its innovative, interdisciplinary curriculum and rigorously selected cohort of young scholars from around the world, the Yenching Academy is serving to enhance educational excellence at Peking University.







LEADERSHIP



Yuan Ming, Dean

Yuan Ming is a Professor in Peking University's School of International Studies, and serves as an Associate Dean of Peking University's Institute of International and Strategic Studies and Director of its Center for American Studies. She was a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley and the University of Oxford, and conducted research at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Brookings Institution. Professor Yuan frequently speaks at international fora, such as the World Economic Forum and the Club of Rome. Professor Yuan was a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference from 1998 to 2012, as well as of its Foreign Relations Committee. In addition, Professor Yuan has served on the boards of numerous high-profile institutions, such as the Council on Foreign Relations and the United Nations Foundation.



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YENCHING SCHOLARSHIP

The Yenching Academy provides a generous postgraduate scholarship that covers tuition fees, round-trip travel between Scholars' homes and Beijing, accommodations on Peking University's campus, and living costs. The Academy offers a residential program aimed at creating a community of enthusiastic, globally oriented young innovators in the heart of China's top university. Such close proximity to the academic infrastructure of Peking University provides a unique opportunity for Scholars to participate and fully immerse themselves in the life of the university.

Enrolled international students and students from Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan spend 12 months in residence at the Yenching Academy. For students from Mainland China, the program lasts 24 months. Coursework is completed during the fall and spring semesters, and it is supplemented by additional study during the summer. Upon completion of the year in residence, international students have up to one additional year to finalize projects and defend their theses. During this period, students in good academic standing may apply for a limited number of Teaching, Research, or Administrative Assistantships. In addition, Dean's Research Grants are awarded on a bi-annual basis to help fund selected research projects related to China Studies.

The Yenching Academy will also offer a limited number of doctoral scholarships to selected Yenching Scholars who would like to pursue doctoral degrees in other Peking University departments.



PROGRAM

The Yenching Academy of Peking University offers a Master's degree in China Studies. This specially designed, English-taught program aims to push the study of China beyond the boundaries of traditionally defined Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines. It creates space to incorporate the diverse backgrounds and experiences of program participants into the study of ancient, modern, and contemporary China, effectively acting as an incubator for innovative approaches to past, present, and future Chinese transformations. At the core of the program lies its emphasis on interdisciplinarity and the value it assigns to thinking about China's development from both Chinese and international perspectives.

The program attracts outstanding Chinese and international students. Yenching Scholars from China enroll into a two-year long program, while international Yenching Scholars and those from Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan study for one year (with limited possibility to extend to two years). Scholars design their study experience by choosing one of six academic concentrations, and pursue a number of core courses and electives, including field studies. Working in small groups encourages Scholars to actively engage in dialogue between academic disciplines, as well as with their peers across concentrations, creating an environment conducive to the exchange of ideas and mutual learning. Complementing academic courses, Chinese language training is provided for all international students, in accordance with their level of proficiency, while foreign language courses are offered to Chinese students.



LANGUAGE STUDY

Chinese language study is compulsory for all international students. Scholars will be placed into one of different levels according to their performance in the placement test at the beginning of the academic year.

COURSEWORK

Yenching Scholars select classes from six academic concentrations in the field of China Studies. Scholars must complete required core courses and elective courses designed to introduce them to major topics in this field offered by Yenching Academy and/or Peking University. The Academy organises field studies to culturally, economically, and socio-politically significant regions within Mainland China.

Graduation from the Academy requires the successful completion of at least 30 academic credits, as well as writing and orally defending a master's thesis. For Yenching Scholars from China, at least 75% of their courses must be taught in English.

CONCENTRATIONS

- **Economics and Management.** Courses in this concentration emphasise the study of Chinese economy and business organizations. They allow students to gain a better understanding of the institutional characteristics and practices of conducting business in China by looking into the current state of the country's economy, management practices, and the governance structures of its businesses.



- **History and Archaeology.** This concentration helps students gain insight into the pluralism and richness of Chinese history and civilization, as well as to learn about China's relationships with other world civilizations. Students' training will range from Chinese historiography to methodology and archaeological fieldwork practices. Courses are enriched through museum and site visits.
- **Law and Society.** This concentration explores Chinese law and social development issues. Pursuing this theme, students will advance their understanding of the Chinese legal system, its major reforms, and the social issues precipitated by its fast-paced development. In addition, this concentration will familiarize students with major ideas and concepts underpinning the Chinese legal system and its historical evolution.
- **Literature and Culture.** A critical and comparative approach to Chinese language and literature is the main focus of this concentration. It aims to develop analytical skills allowing for competent and independent study of the structures and aesthetics of Chinese language and cultural expression. It familiarizes students with advanced theories and research methods in literature to help them form their own interpretations and understanding of Chinese literary works.
- **Philosophy and Religion.** This concentration approaches the philosophical and religious traditions of China from a comparative perspective. Courses within this concentration give students the opportunity to acquire knowledge of China's ethics and values, and assist them in developing a better understanding of China's rich traditions of philosophical and ideological inquiry.
- **Politics and International Relations.** This concentration focuses on Chinese perspectives on public and foreign policy. On the one hand, it provides students with a structured knowledge of the Chinese political system, governance model, and policy building process. On the other, it equips them with the analytical and theoretical tools to analyse China's behaviour in international relations.



CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Throughout their time at the Yenching Academy, Scholars have opportunities to explore different interests and identify potential career options. The Career Development Service aims to enhance Yenching Scholars' career prospects and help them improve their academic and professional skills. Aimed at fostering competitive advantage, the Academy's workshops, one-on-one consultations and seminars assist Scholars in planning their careers. Whether Scholars have a clear career path in mind or are still in the process of defining one, the Academy offers them guidance through their personal journeys.

Outside of the formal Career Development Service, Scholars also receive extensive career development support from the Academy at large. Regardless of their concentration and future plans, the Academy encourages Scholars to communicate with their advisors, professors and staff about leadership opportunities that could advance their careers. Occasionally, the Academy supports the participation of Scholars in international conferences and fora.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Yenching Scholars reside in newly renovated single rooms in the Shaoyuan international student complex, located at the heart of the Peking University campus. In addition to common rooms and a dedicated library, Scholars have access to a wide array of amenities in the immediate vicinity. Moreover, their residence is situated less than three minutes' walk from the Academy's academic and administrative facilities.

The collegiate living experience is a defining feature of the residential life of Yenching Scholars and plays a crucial role in their development by fostering a sense of community and facilitating the exchange of ideas. Scholars benefit from the administrative and pastoral support of residential advisors. In addition, the Academy is committed to enriching the extracurricular lives of its Scholars by providing financial support for student-led initiatives.





ADMISSIONS



ELIGIBILITY

The Yenching Academy enrolls approximately 125 new students from both China and abroad each year, to study, live, and learn together. Approximately 15-20% of students are recruited from Mainland China, while 80-85% are international students and students from Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan. Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to qualify as Yenching Scholars:

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in any field, awarded no later than August 31 of the year in which they wish to enroll;
- An outstanding academic record;
- English proficiency;
- A record of extracurricular achievement, community engagement and social responsibility;
- Leadership potential;
- Interest in exploring different cultures, particularly those of China and the Asia Pacific region;

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

International students, and students from Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan, should submit their applications through the Yenching Academy online application portal. Please note that candidates from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan will need to apply both through the Yenching Academy online application portal and through the Peking University Graduate Admissions website.

Applicants are asked to submit the following English-language materials through the online application portal:

- Completed online application;
- Curriculum vitae/resumé;
- Personal statement;
- Most recent official transcript(s);
- Two letters of recommendation;
- International English proficiency test score (IELTS/TOEFL/Cambridge/CEFR).

Candidates will be able to access more details about the required documents after creating an account on the application portal.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

The application system opens to international applicants and applicants from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan for the 2017-2018 cohort on August 15, 2016. There will be three deadlines for applicants, based on the locations of the schools that they currently attend or recently attended. (Those whose applications are not affiliated with a particular university have the option of applying by the deadlines associated with their nationalities.) Application deadlines are as follows:

- Universities following a Southern Hemisphere academic calendar: October 15, 2016;
- Universities in Canada or the United States: December 15, 2016;
- All other applicants: January 31, 2017.

Finalists will be interviewed via Skype, or, in rare cases, in person. Some acceptance offers will be made on a rolling basis for those we are certain fit our various requirements, as well as our geographic diversity guidelines for international students, which are approximately 30-35% Europe, 25-30% U.S./Canada, and 30-35% rest of the world. A large percentage of acceptance decisions will only be made, however, after reviewing all applicants after the final deadline. Final admissions decisions will be made by March.

Successful applicants unable to attend the Yenching Academy due to an unforeseen and unavoidable conflict may apply for a deferral. Deferrals will not be granted for those who choose another program, job or internship.

PARTNER AND COOPERATING UNIVERSITIES

The Yenching Academy has forged ties with many academic institutions around the world as either Partner or Cooperating Universities.

Partner Universities conduct a pre-selection process by carrying out preliminary evaluation of applications submitted by their own students. Based on this assessment, they nominate candidates for interviews conducted by the Yenching Academy. Students and graduates from Partner Universities are required to apply directly through their universities before applying online.

Cooperating Universities serve as points of contact and sources of information about the Yenching Academy, but they do not conduct a pre-selection process. Prospective candidates can seek advice and consultation from individuals at these institutions who are familiar with the Yenching Academy. Students and graduates from Cooperating Universities should apply directly through the Yenching Academy online admissions portal.

Students and alumni of universities that are not listed as Partner Universities or Cooperating Universities are also eligible and should apply directly through the Yenching Academy online admissions portal. For a complete list of Partner and Cooperating universities, please visit our website: www.yenchingacademy.org/partners.







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Captain Tian Shichen, staff member at the Chinese Ministry of National Defense

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EVENTS AT THE YENCHING ACADEMY



Opening Ceremony
of the Yenching
Academy



Yenching Scholars
Practicing Calligraphy



Field Trip to Xi'an,
Shaanxi Province



Pinggu District Violin
Factory Visit



First Meeting of the
Language Club "The
Greedy Tongues"



Yenching Global
Symposium



China Studies Lecture
Series lecture by Professor
Lin Yifu



Visit to Lenovo
Headquarters



International Art
Association members
practicing by Weiming Lake



China-Africa
Journalism Forum



Spring Field Study
to Sichuan



End of Year Celebration



2015 COHORT



- Armenia
- Brazil
- Croatia
- India
- Japan
- Romania
- South Korea
- United States
- Australia
- Canada
- Denmark
- Ireland
- Lithuania
- Russia
- Swaziland
- Vietnam
- Austria
- Chile
- France
- Israel
- Mexico
- Singapore
- Turkey
- Zimbabwe
- Belgium
- China
- Germany
- Italy
- Netherlands
- South Africa
- United Kingdom

SCHOLARS

2015

96

2016

124

2016 COHORT



- Argentina
- Brazil
- Denmark
- Germany
- Israel
- Kyrgyzstan
- Nigeria
- Serbia
- Spain
- Turkey
- Vietnam
- Australia
- Canada
- Estonia
- Ghana
- Italy
- Malaysia
- Pakistan
- Singapore
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- Bangladesh
- China
- Finland
- India
- Japan
- Netherlands
- Poland
- South Africa
- Thailand
- United Kingdom
- Belgium
- Cuba
- France
- Iran
- Kenya
- New Zealand
- Russia
- South Korea
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United States

COUNTRIES

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UNIVERSITIES

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CHINA MEETS THE WORLD THE WORLD COMES TO CHINA

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YENCHING GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM

The Academy's flagship event, the Yenching Global Symposium, represents a continuation of its mission to foster global connections and dialogue, and to equip a new generation of global citizens with a nuanced understanding of China and its role in the world. Hosted on the Peking University campus from March 24-26, 2016, the three-day event comprised engaging lectures and interactive sessions exploring China's impact on the world and the influence that the world has on China. It featured prominent Chinese and international scholars, along with leading professionals from a wide range of fields. These leaders of today shared their insights and entered into dialogue with those of tomorrow: 96 Yenching Scholars; 48 Peking University graduate students; and 48 International graduate students and young professionals from around the world with a noted passion for China in their work and research.

Applications for the inaugural Yenching Global Symposium closed in December 2015. We would like to thank all 1,800 of our Peking University and international applicants for their interest and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors. For information about future Yenching Global Symposia, please follow us on social media or visit our website: www.yenchingsymposium.org



"I believe that every future world leader, if he wants to be part of this global community and lead humanity to more prosperity and progress, needs to understand China."

He Yafei
Former Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China

"It's a great institution if you want to expand your knowledge of this key country in the 21st century. Think about it: Beijing, China, Yenching Academy."

Hon. Kevin Rudd
Former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Australia





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JINGYUAN 3,
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING



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JINGYUAN 4,
CLASSROOM BUILDING



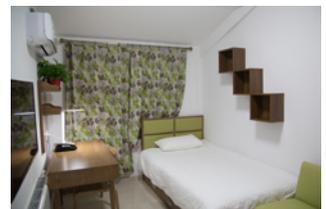
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SECOND GYMNASIUM,
AUDITORIUM



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SHAOYUAN 6,
RESIDENCE BUILDING





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