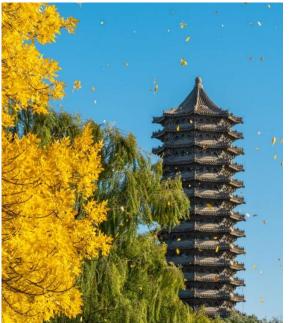


Yenching Academy of Peking University

2-Year Master's Degree Program in China Studies











Peking University Campus











静园 (Jingyuan Courtyard)





Yenching Academy of Peking University



Mission

Aims to build bridges between China and the rest of the world through an interdisciplinary master's program in China Studies.



Academic Resources

A model of interdisciplinary study in the humanities and social sciences, with the full support of Peking University's unparalleled resources.



Global Connectivity

A catalyst for international dialogue and a magnet for outstanding young scholars and future leaders - people eager to connect, learn, and lead.





Master's in China Studies

Program Highlights

- 2-year Master's in China Studies with interdisciplinary coursework includes core and elective courses, field studies, language study, and thesis writing.
- A full range of courses is offered in English; therefore, Chinese proficiency is not required for admission.
- Students may attend classes in other PKU departments taught in English or Chinese.



Fellowships & Recognition

- Full fellowships for first year.
- Students who maintain a good academic standing, and plan to stay in Beijing during their second academic year can apply for the second-year Yenching Fellowship.
- Graduates receive Peking University diplomas noting their research areas in China Studies.







Scholarship





Other Funds and Exchange Opportunities

In addition to the basic scholarship package, YCA provides various funds and exchange opportunities to Yenching Scholars.

First year

- Dean's Research Grant
- Opportunity Grants Summer Grant
- Academic Exchange Grant

Second year

- Education Abroad Program
- Academic Exchange Grant
 - Trinity College, Cambridge University Exchange Program
- Cornell University Exchange Program
- Seoul National University Exchange Program
- Waseda University Exchange Program
- Language Enrichment Grants
- Opportunity Grants Fall Grant and Spring Grant
- Student Assistantship

Yenching Fellowship Funding Sources





Yenching Fellowships are funded by Yenching Academy's endowment, as well as donations from both governmental and non-governmental sources.

China Scholarship Council (CSC)

The CSC is entrusted by the P.R.C. Ministry of Education, which provides funding for <u>international students and scholars</u> to study and conduct research at universities within the Chinese Mainland.

- 1. <u>Chinese Government Scholarship (CGS)</u>: Available only to admitted Yenching Scholars, and awarded on a competitive basis.
- 2. Youth of Excellence Scheme of China Program Chinese Government Scholarship (Zhuoyue Scholarship): This program is designed for applicants with more professional experience and funds only one year of study in Beijing. Application can be submitted by shortlisted candidates, and admission into the Yenching Academy remains conditional until final acceptance of this particular scholarship.

Beijing Municipal Education Commission

The Beijing Government Scholarship is designed to fund outstanding international students for academic studies or scientific research at higher education institutions and research institutes in Beijing.

Bai Xian Asia Institute (BXAI)

The "Asian Future Leaders Scholarship Program" (AFLSP) provides scholarships for <u>students from Asia</u> to study away from their home country or region at any of BXAI's Partner Universities.

International Confucian Association (ICA)

The ICA scholarship program provides funding for <u>international students</u> enrolled in Master's programs in China, specifically supporting research in the fields of history, archaeology, philosophy, or religious studies.







Research Areas

Students are free to choose elective courses from any research area. Yenching Scholars are required to write a thesis under the supervision of a thesis advisor within their chosen area of research:

China Studies (Economics and Management)

China Studies (History and Archaeology)

China Studies (Law and Society)

China Studies (Literature and Culture)

China Studies (Philosophy and Religion)

China Studies (Politics and International Relations)



First Year:

Curriculum





Curriculum Introduction (2025 - 2026)

Core Courses:

- ☐ China in Transition I & II
- ☐ Field Study
- ☐ Topics in China Studies Lecture Series
- → Academic Writing

General Elective Courses:

- Quantitative Reasoning
- Qualitative Research Method
- Critical Thinking and Academic Writing

Required Courses:

- Required at least two major electives in your research area
- ☐ Required Chinese Language Course (for international students)
- Required First Foreign Language Course (for Mainland Chinese, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwanese students)
- Required Politics Course (for Mainland Chinese students)





Major Elective Courses (2025 - 2026)

China Studies (Politics and International Relations)	China Studies (Economics and Management)	China Studies (Law and Society)
Theory and Practice of Chinese Foreign Policy	Introduction to Chinese Economy and Development	Contemporary Chinese Society
Cultural Dimensions of China's Foreign Relations	China and the World Economy: A Macroeconomic Perspective	The Legal Dynamics of Chinese Commerce and Society
Chinese Politics in Historical Perspective (Taught in Chinese)	The Economic Thinking of Chinese Entrepreneurs	Women in Contemporary China
Retrospect and Prospect of International Development Cooperation in China	China in the World Economy: Han Dynasty to the Present	Understanding Social Inequality: China and the World
Reforms in China: Theory and Policy	International Trade	Ethnographies of Modern Education: China and Beyond
Chinese Perspective on Global Migration	Reform and Development in China	Social Stratification and Mobility in China
China and International Law	Rural China Studies (Taught in Chinese)	Chinese Frontier Societies: A Social-historical Approach
	Undersatanding Chinese Economic Governance	
	Economic Demography: A China Perspective	





Major Elective Courses (2025 - 2026)

China Studies (History and Archaeology)	China Studies (Philosophy and Religion)	China Studies (Literature and Culture)
Development of Chinese Civilization	Chinese World Views	Art of China
Chinese Cultural Heritage Studies	Critical Conceptions for Chinese Thoughts	Reading Classical Chinese Literature
Formation of Chinese Civilization	Chinese Classics and Thought: Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism	Guided Readings in the Classics of Ancient Chinese Literature (Taught in Chinese)
History of the Field: Sinology and China Studies from a Global Perspective	Selected Readings from the Confucian Classics (Taught in Chinese)	Contemporary Chinese and American Fiction in Comparative Perspective
Modern Chinese History	Chinese Buddhism: Scrolls, Society, and Soteriology	The Representation of Reality in Chinese Literature











Second Year:

Research and Thesis





Academic Advisors

164 Academic Advisors from 26 schools/departments at Peking University

China Studies (Economics and Management)

- · Guanghua School of Management
- · School of Economics
- National School of Development
- College of Urban and Environmental Sciences
- · Graduate School of Education
- School of Government
- College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture
- Population Research Institute
- School of Psychological and Cognitive Sciences
- Department of Sociology
- College of Environmental Sciences and Engineering
- School of Advanced Agricultural Sciences
- Institute for Global Health and Development

China Studies (Law and Society)

- · Law School
- · Department of Sociology
- College of Urban and Environmental Sciences
- · Graduate School of Education
- · School of Life Sciences
- · School of Government
- Population Research Institute
- School of Psychological and Cognitive Sciences
- · Guanghua School of Management

China Studies (Politics and International Relations)

- · School of International Studies
- · School of Government
- School of Foreign Language
- Department of Physical Education
- School of Economics
- Law School
- National School of Development





Academic Advisors

164 Academic Advisors from 26 schools/departments at Peking University

China Studies (Literature and Culture)

- · School of Arts
- Department of Chinese Language and Literature
- School of Journalism and Communication
- School of Foreign Language
- Department of Sociology

China Studies (History and Archaeology)

- · School of Archaeology and Museology
- Department of History
- · School of Health Humanities
- School of Arts
- School of Foreign Language
- College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture
- · Academy for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies

China Studies (Philosophy and Religion)

- Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
- · Department of History
- · School of Government
- School of Psychological and Cognitive Sciences
- School of Arts
- · School of Economics
- School of Foreign Language
- · School of Health Humanities







Learning Beyond the Classroom:

Field Study
Across China and
Extracurricular
Activities





Fall Field Study



▲ In a week-long trip, students acquire first-hand experience about Chinese history, culture, and modern economic development through lectures by renowned scholars.







China in Transition Field Study

China in Transition is a yearlong compulsory course in Yenching Academy of Peking University. It is a systematic and interdisciplinary survey of contemporary China, a revitalizing civilization-state continuously in search of modernity, sustainability and humanity in the process of nation building against the backdrop of globalization. Under concentrations of economy, politics/law, society/culture, and environment/public health, this course is organized as a sequential combination of foundation-setting lectures, TA-led discussion sections, faculty panels, research-orientation seminars, mentor-guided research/fieldwork, and group presentations.

- ☐ In 2023, 34 groups visited 18 provinces, municipalities, autonomous regions
- ☐ In 2024, 31 groups visited 13 provinces, municipalities, autonomous regions
- ☐ In 2025, 29 groups visited 17 provinces, municipalities, autonomous regions

















Distinguished Guests



Former Prime Minister of France Jean-Pierre Raffarin



Former Prime Minister of Australia



Irish Ambassador to China Ann Derwin



Former Prime Minister of Italy Romano Prodi



Singapore Ambassador to China Peter Tan Hai Chuan







UN Resident Coordinator in China Siddharth Chatterjee



Former EU Ambassador to China Nicolas Chapuis





Yenching Global Symposium













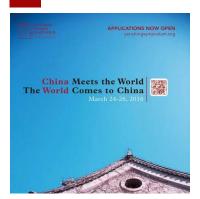








Yenching Global Symposium



▲ 2016: China Meets the World. The World Comes to China



▲ 2017: Xinnovation: Identity of **Innovation in China**



▲ 2018: Renaissance: China's Journey in a Global Future



THE CHINA STORIES ▲ 2019: WŎMEN: Retelling the China

Stories



▲ 2021: Shared Renewal: Recoupling East with West



▲ 2022: Globalization or Guóbalisation Internationalism in Flux

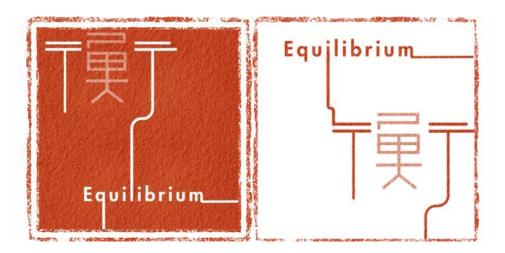


▲ 2023: Humanity: Cartographies of Collaboration





Yenching Global Symposium







▲ 2025: Fortitude: Navigating the Tides of change





Extracurricular Activities









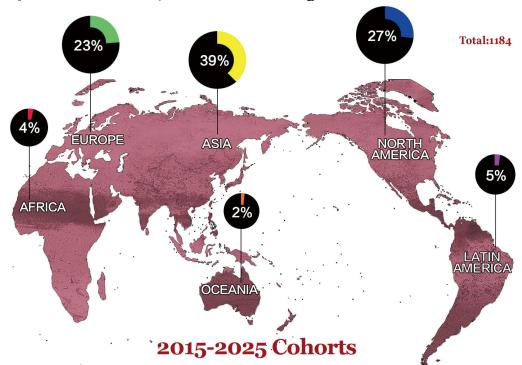








☐ Total of 1184 scholars from 89 countries and regions





□ Scholars from 412 universities, top universities with the highest number of YCA admissions are:

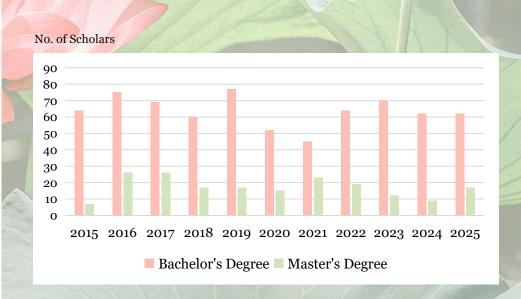
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University	No. of Admissions
Peking University (北京大学)	59
University of Cambridge	41
University of Oxford	40
Harvard University	36
Renmin University of China (中国人民大学)	29
Yale University	28
Sun Yat-Sen University (中山大学)	24
The University of Chicago	24
Princeton University	22
Stanford University	21
The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	21
University of Cape Town	19
Fudan University (复旦大学)	16
Leiden University	16
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (SOAS)	16
Beijing Foreign Studies University (北京外国语大学)	15
Columbia University	15
King's College London (KCL)	15
University College London (UCL)	15
Zhejiang University (浙江大学)	15
KU Leuven	14
Sciences Po Paris	14





☐ Educational backgrounds of international Yenching Scholars:

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Cohort	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree
2015	64	7
2016	75	26
2017	69	26
2018	60	17
2019	77	17
2020	52	15
2021	45	23
2022	64	19
2023	70	12
2024	62	9
2025	62	17

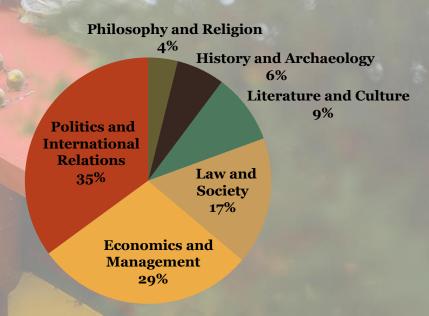






□ Research areas chosen at the Yenching Academy:

Research Area	No. of Scholars
Politics and International Relations	415
Economics and Management	341
Law and Society	198
Literature and Culture	109
History and Archaeology	75
Philosophy and Religion	46



2025 Yenching Scholars





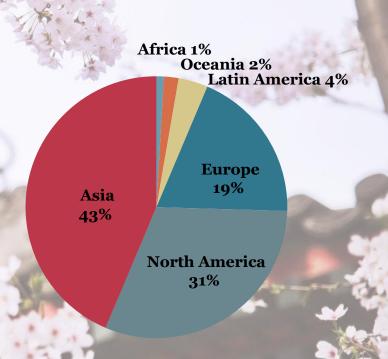
☐ 110 Scholars from 33 countries and regions:

Asia	48
Mainland China	28
Singapore	4
Japan	3
HKSAR, China	2
South Korea	2
Vietnam	2
Azerbaijan	1
India	1
Indonesia	1
Macao SAR, China	1
Mongolia	1
Türkiye	1
The Philippines	1

North America	34
United States	31
Canada	3
	101
Oceania	2
Australia	2

Europe	21
United Kingdom	5
Germany	2
Italy	2
Poland	2
The Netherlands	2
Belgium	1
Croatia	1
Czech Republic	1
France	1
Latvia	1
North Macedonia	1
Russia	1
Sweden	1

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Latin America	4
Brazil	2
Argentina	1
Ecuador	1
Africa	
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South Africa	1



2025 Yenching Scholars





□ Scholars from 86 universities, top 21 universities with the highest number of YCA admissions are:

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University	No. of Admissions
Peking University (北京大学)	7
University of Cambridge	6
Columbia University	3
Cornell University	3
Duke Kunshan University (DKU)	3
Fudan University (复旦大学)	3
New York University Shanghai	3
Renmin University of China (中国人民大学)	3
Shanghai International Studies University (上海外国语大学)	3
Tsinghua University (清华大学)	3
University of California, Berkeley	3
University of Oxford	3
Beijing Institute of Technology (北京理工大学)	2
Brown University	2
Harvard University	2
Stanford University	2
University of Washington	2
Waseda University	2
Yale University	2
Yale-NUS College	2
Zhejiang University (浙江大学)	2

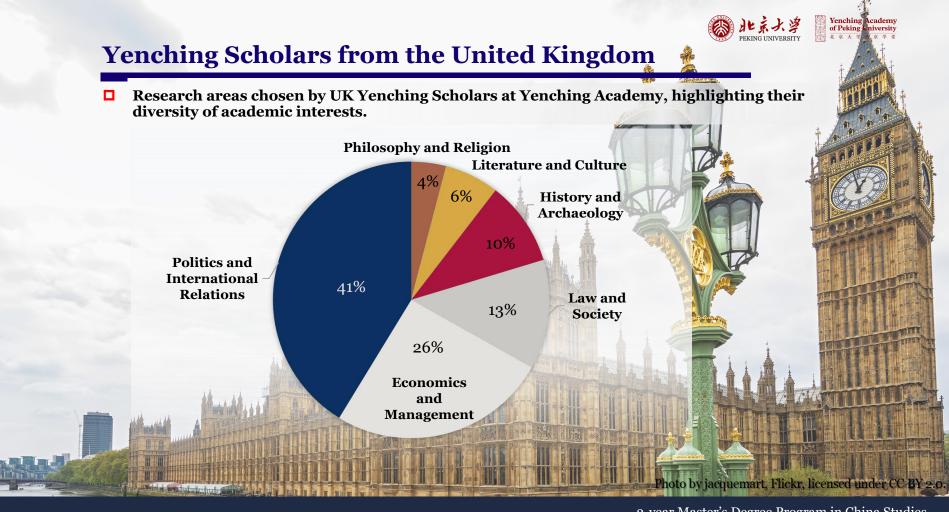


Yenching Scholars from the United Kingdom

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Over the past 11 years, 167 Yenching Scholars previously attended 35 universities in the UK, including 57 British citizens. In addition, 5 other British citizens studied at universities outside the UK, specifically Leiden University (NL), Princeton University (US), NYU Shanghai (CN), the University of Western Australia (AU), and Wabash College (US).

Cardiff University	The University of Warwick
Durham University	University College London (UCL)
Goldsmiths University of London	University of Bath
Imperial College London	University of Birmingham
King's College London (KCL)	University of Bristol
London Business School	University of Cambridge
New College of the Humanities	University of Dundee
Royal Holloway, University of London	University of Exeter
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (SOAS)	University of Glasgow
The Courtauld Institute of Art (London)	University of Kent
The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	University of Leeds
The Open University	University of Liverpool
The University of Bradford	University of Oxford
The University of Edinburgh	University of Sheffield
The University of Law	University of Southampton
The University of Manchester	University of St. Andrews
The University of Northampton	University of York
The University of Nottingham	







Scholars from The London School of Economics and Political Science

☐ Over the past 11 years, 21 scholars were admitted.

Research Area at YCA	Major(s) & Minor (s) at LSE	No. of Admissions
China Studies (Economics and Management)	 China in Comparative Perspective Economic History Economics International Political Economy Management of Information Systems and Digital Innovation Monetary & Financial History Social Policy 	10
China Studies (Politics and International Relations)	 Government and Economics Journalism International Relations International Security	8
China Studies (Law and Society)	Political TheoryLaws	2
China Studies (History and Archaeology)	Economic History	1



Career Development





Career Day





Company Visit

Employee Campus Talk





Alumni Talk

Others

- Internship remark applications
- Recruitment information
- One-on-one career consultations

Leadership Development







Leadership and Global Governance Lecture Series



Professional and Leadership Mentor Program



Visit HRC (Hengrui Corporation)



Workshop: Storytelling to Build Your Personal Brand



Visit Princeton University Press China office



Young Professional Leadership Workshop: Succeed by Unleashing Your Influence



After Graduation: Further Education

























NEW YORK UNIVERSITY





Preferred majors for graduates		
Art and Architecture	Law	
Chinese Language Studies	Medicine	
Economics	Public Policy	
History	Regional Studies	
International Relations	Sociology	

After Graduation: Employment





Preferred industries for graduates

Education

Finance

Government

Information Technology (Internet)

International Organization

Leasing, Business Services, and Consulting

Media and Public Relations

Think Tanks



































Alumni Activities





Alumni Mentorship Chat

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Nikola Stojanović, 2018 Yenching Scholar State Secretary for Foreign Trade in Ministry of Domestic and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Serbia



Alumni Secretary Team



Alumni Reading Group

Alumni Enrichment Program



Vijaya Lakshmi Iyengar, 2019 Yenching Scholar AI Management Data Scientist at Blackstone

Alumni Forum









Applicants





International Students & Students from the Chinese regions of Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan (HMT):

- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in any field, or be currently enrolled in a Bachelor degree program and be on track to graduate no later than August 31 of the year in which they wish to enroll;
- Candidates who are students or alumni of our Partner Universities need to apply through the universities.
- HMT applicants need to apply both through the YCA admissions portal as well as the Peking University Graduate Admissions. Failure to complete the Peking University Graduate Admissions application will result in incomplete and unsuccessful application to the Yenching Academy.

Mainland Chinese Students:

• Apply directly to the Yenching Academy through exemption from the National Postgraduate Entrance Examination.





Application Eligibility

A prospective Yenching Scholar has:

- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in any field, or be currently enrolled in a Bachelor degree program and be on track to graduate no later than August 31 of the year in which they wish to enroll;
- An outstanding academic record;
- A record of extracurricular achievement, community engagement, social responsibility, and leadership potential;
- Demonstrated interest in exploring diverse cultures;
- Strong interest in interdisciplinary study of China;
- Well-articulated rationale for how the Yenching Academy program will enhance his/her career;
- English proficiency.





Application Requirements

Application deadline for September 2026 intake: **December 1, 2025**

Required documents:

- Online application at https://apply.yca.pku.edu.cn/;
- Certificate of English proficiency (IELTS 7.0/ TOEFL 100/ Cambridge 185) for students whose native language is not English or who were not enrolled in an English-taught degree program;
- Diploma(s) or Certificate(s) of Enrollment;
- Transcript from Bachelor's (and Master's) degree programs;
- Personal statement in English (maximum 750 words);
- Statement of Research Interest (maximum 1500 words, excluding citations);
- Resume (maximum two pages);
- Two academic letters of recommendation (from full professors or associate professors only, letters must be from professors teaching in the field in which you are applying for).





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