Yenching Academy of Peking University
Peking University

▲京师大学堂 (Imperial University of Peking), founded in 1898.

▲北京大学 (Peking University), the signature west gate of the university.
Peking University Campus
Peking University

8,250 Faculty Members

43,191 Full-time Students

+ 2,783 International Students

6 Faculties

49 Schools and Departments
Yenching Academy of Peking University

- A center for the study of China and its role in the world, with the full support of Peking University’s unparalleled resources.
- Offering a 2-year Master’s degree program in China Studies.
- A magnet for outstanding young scholars and future leaders; people eager to connect, learn, and lead.
- A model of interdisciplinary study in the humanities and social sciences.
- A catalyst for international dialogue.
Master’s in China Studies

- A full fellowship residential program in China Studies; for international students, 12 month full fellowship with the possibility of a one year extension. Mainland Chinese students and students from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan are required to stay in Beijing for 2 years.

- 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.

- Interdisciplinary coursework includes core and elective courses, field studies, language study, and thesis writing.

- Graduates receive Peking University diplomas noting their research areas.
Scholarship

All admitted students receive the Yenching Fellowship for the first academic year, which covers:

- Tuition
- Accommodation in the Yenching Academy House
- A monthly stipend
- One round-trip travel stipend
- Basic medical insurance

Students who maintained a good academic standing, and plan to stay in Beijing during their second academic year can apply for the second-year Yenching Fellowship. Additional funding, in the form of research or teaching assistantships, can also be applied.
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)
Core Courses:
- China in Transition I & II
- Field Study
- Topics in China Studies Lecture Series
- Academic Writing

Required Courses:
- Required Chinese Language Course (for international students)
- Required First Foreign Language Course (for Mainland Chinese, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwanese students)
- Required Politics Course (for Mainland Chinese students)
Fall Field Study

▲ After watching a local shadow-puppet performance, students learn from the master at the Guanzhong Folk Art Museum, Xi’an. Note that field study destination may vary year to year.

▼ Students learned about traditional Sichuan opera at a Chengdu teahouse.
Spring Field Study

- Scholars design their own field study trips as part of the China in Transition course.

- In 2017, 40 groups visited 15 provinces, municipalities, and autonomous regions

- In 2018, 34 groups visited 14 provinces, municipalities, autonomous regions and special administrative regions

- In 2019, 30 groups visited 15 provinces, municipalities, autonomous regions and special administrative regions
Career Development and Training

Dr. Joachim Von Amsberg, Vice President for Policy & Strategy, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, speaks to Yenching Scholars.
Internships

Places Our Scholars Have Interned

- Accenture
- Amazon
- APCO Worldwide
- Bytedance
- BMW China Services LTD
- Carnegie Tsinghua Center for Global Policy
- China Daily
- China Securities
- Didi Chuxing
- HNA Capital, Beijing
- HNA Tourism
- King & Wood Mallesons
- Lenovo
- Penguin Random House
- Pinkerton
- Serve for China
- Sogou, Inc.
- Tencent Research Institute
- UNESCO
- UNDP
- Xiaomi

2-year Master's Degree Program in China Studies
After Graduation

Further Education
- Brown University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- King's College London
- New York University
- Princeton University
- SOAS, University of London
- University College London
- University of Cambridge
- University of Chicago
- University of Hong Kong
- University of Michigan
- University of Oxford
- University of Washington
- Yale University

Employment
- China Development Bank
- Huawei
- McKinsey & Company
- The World Bank
- Lloyds Banking Group
- gov.sg
- Morgan Stanley
- Deloitte
- Tencent
- Air China
- ByteDance
Yenching Global Symposium

- Student-initiated and organized; one of China’s most selective conferences

▲ 2016 theme: China Meets the World, The World Comes to China
▲ 2017 theme: Xinnovation: Identity of Innovation in China
▲ 2018 theme: Renaissance: China's Journey in a Global Future
▲ 2019 theme: WŎMEN: Retelling the China Stories
2020 Yenching Scholars

- 92 scholars from 30 countries and regions

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## 2020 Yenching Scholars

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2-year Master's Degree Program in China Studies
Applicants

A prospective Yenching Scholar has:

- 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
Applicants

International Students & Students from Chinese Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan

- Minimum of a Bachelor’s degree in any field or currently enrolled on a degree program awarded no later than August 31, 2021.
- Candidates who are students or alumni of our Partner Universities need to apply through the universities.
- HMT students required to apply to Peking University (October 14 to December 4) in addition to applying through Yenching Academy.

Mainland Chinese Students

- Apply directly to the Yenching Academy through exemption from the National Postgraduate Entrance Examination.
Application for International and HMT Candidates

Timeline:

- **August 15 to December 4, 2020** (12:00 noon Beijing time)

Required documents:

- Online application at [yenchingacademy.pku.edu.cn](http://yenchingacademy.pku.edu.cn)
- Certificate of English proficiency (IELTS 7.0 / TOEFL 100 / Cambridge 185 / CEFR C1) for students whose native language is not English or who were not enrolled in an English-taught undergraduate degree
- Diploma(s) or Certificate(s) of Enrollment
- Transcript from Bachelor’s (and Master’s) degree programs
- Personal statement in English (maximum 750 words)
- Research proposal (maximum one page)
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation (from associate professors or professors only)
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