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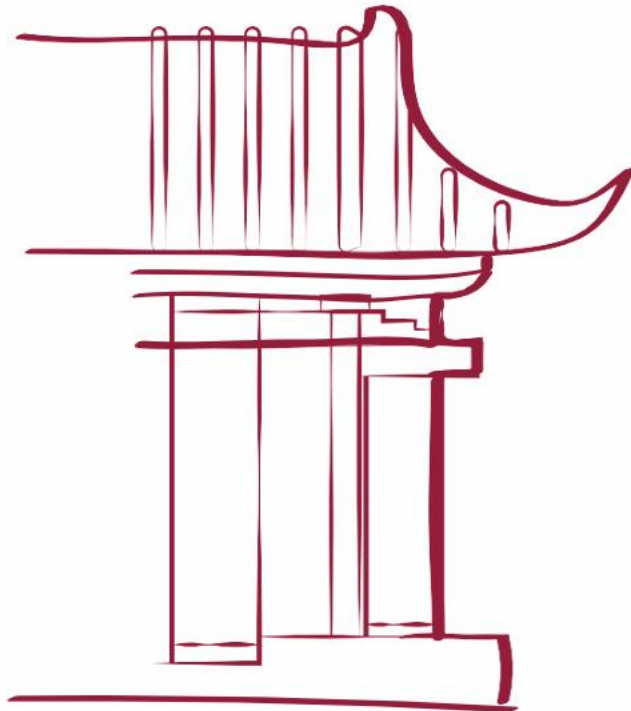
Information for Cooperating Universities

2022 Recruitment for international, Chinese Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Candidates

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2022 Applicant Qualifications

Application for the 2022 cohort of Yenching Scholars will be open from **August 15 to December 3**, 2021. Candidates must submit all materials before 12:00 noon (Beijing time) on the deadline. Letters of recommendation must also be received by this deadline.

Please note that we have highlighted in yellow a few updates introduced to the 2022 cohort recruitment; see below for more information.

Important Notice

Yenching Academy's admissions portal will be temporarily unavailable from **July 22** until **August 14**. Beginning August 15, Yenching Academy's admissions portal will be hosted on a new web address (yenchingacademy.netapply.cn). All account information will be transferred to the new web address. The new admissions portal will also be available on the [Yenching Academy official website](#).

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please contact yca-admissions@pku.edu.cn if you have any questions or concerns.

Eligibility

- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in any field, or currently enrolled on a degree program awarded no later than August 31 of the year in which they wish to enroll;
- An outstanding academic record;
- Strong interest in interdisciplinary study of China;
- A record of extracurricular achievement, community engagement, social responsibility, and leadership potential;
- English proficiency.

We do not have a strict age cut-off for applicants, but to date, no person over the age of 28 has been admitted to the program. The average age of students entering the program is 23.

Application Components

- Yenching Academy online application (note that *all* students and alumni of [Partner Universities](#) are required to apply through their universities);
- Personal statement (750 words or less);
- **Statement of Research Interest (maximum 1500 words, excluding citations):**
 - Should include key research question(s), background to study and/or summary of literature, and study design that could reflect the applicant's academic training. Please note that applicants are not committed to

making this proposed project their Master's thesis topic. The Admissions Committee wants to judge how they formulate and write about academic topics.

- Curriculum vitae (maximum 2 pages);
- Official transcript(s)¹;
- Diploma(s) or Certificate(s) of Enrollment¹;
- Two academic letters of recommendation (English or Chinese):
 - Peking University will only accept recommendation letters written by **full professors or associate professors** (or equivalent titles).
 - For applicants from the HMT regions, letters must be **from professors teaching in the field in which you are applying for** (e.g. an economics professor for students applying for Economics and Management). Please use the "专家推荐信" template available [here](#).
- English proficiency demonstrated through one of the following scores²:
 - IELTS (Academic): Overall 7.0
 - TOEFL (iBT): Overall 100
 - Cambridge English Scale (Advanced): Overall 185
 - Submission of English scores: For IELTS, TOEFL, and Cambridge tests, we will only accept scores sent directly to us from these organizations. Please choose "Yenching Academy of Peking University" as the designated recipient of the scores. For TOEFL, use the institution code: C488.
 - TOEFL and IELTS English proficiency tests must be taken after **September 1, 2020**. Currently, we do not accept TOEFL MyBest Scores.

¹ Candidates whose official university documents are in languages other than English or Chinese must submit copies of both the original documents and certified English translations. This requirement also applies to diplomas issued in Latin. Please ensure that the translation indicates the degree type (e.g. Bachelor's or Master's degree).

² Native English speakers and students or alumni of an English-taught Bachelor's degree program are not required to provide English proficiency test scores.

Applicants from the Chinese Regions of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan (HMT)

Applicants holding any forms of identification from these regions **must** apply as an HMT applicant, and will need to apply both through our admissions portal and through the [Peking University Graduate Admissions website](#). Please note that there are **two application timelines** within Peking University for HMT applicants:

- Yenching Academy: **August 15 to December 3, 2021** (12:00 noon Beijing time)
- Peking University: **December 1, 2021 to January 14, 2022** (5:00pm Beijing time)

Detailed and specific instructions for HMT applicants will be available [here](#), as well as on the Yenching Academy admissions portal. *Failure to complete the Peking University Graduate Admissions application will result in incomplete and unsuccessful application to the Yenching Academy.*

Applicants Born in the Chinese Mainland or HMT Regions Intending to Apply as an International Candidate

Peking University has a regulation pertaining to applicants from the Chinese Mainland and the HMT regions who have previously changed their citizenship and intend to apply as an international student. Former citizens of the P.R.C. and the HMT regions must have switched their citizenship for at least six years before being eligible to apply as an international student. Such applicants will need to provide a non-PRC or non-HMT passport that became valid before April 30, 2016. They will also need to provide proof of their renunciation of Chinese citizenship.

Chinese Language Proficiency

Chinese language proficiency is not a requirement but is highly valued for the Master's in China Studies program. Applicants who meet one of the following conditions can be eligible to take Chinese-taught and China-related courses offered in other departments within Peking University:

- HSK 6 test taken after **September 01, 2020** and with a test report of: 1) a total score of 210 or higher; and 2) a score no less than 65 for writing;
- Completed a full-time degree program of which the Chinese language was the only language of instruction. Note that applicants will need to provide documentation from the university to certify the language of instruction.

Cooperating University FAQs

1. What is the role of Cooperating Universities?

Cooperating Universities serve as a point of contact for candidates, providing information about the Yenching Academy. Students and alumni of Cooperating Universities should apply directly through the Yenching Academy admissions portal. Additional resources for Cooperating Universities are available [here](#).

2. What is the application deadline?

Recruitment deadline for international, Chinese Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan (HMT) candidates for September 2022 enrollment is **December 3, 2021**. All application materials must be received before 12:00 noon Beijing time on this day. We very much appreciate early submissions!

3. What steps will Yenching Academy take after receiving applications?

We will contact candidates directly to schedule interviews from December 2021 to March 2022. International candidates can attend interviews online or in person at Peking University. All Chinese candidates, including those from the HMT regions, must attend interviews in person. Finalists who are not required to attend interviews in person will be contacted approximately one week in advance of the interview date.

Please note that Peking University will be on winter vacation from January 17 to February 20, 2022. During this period of time, no interviews will be scheduled.

4. When can applicants expect decisions?

We will make some acceptance offers on a rolling basis for those we are certain fit our requirements and geographic diversity guidelines for international students (approximately 30-35% Europe, 25-30% U.S. and Canada, and 30-35% rest of the world). Most decisions will be made around April 2022.

5. What qualities should a Yenching Scholar possess?

We seek talented, high potential individuals whose collective diversity will create a rich learning and living environment. The best way to understand what we look for in candidates is to review the bios of previous scholars, available on our [website](#). Note that candidates should have a strong interest in China, but we do not require that they have Chinese language study experience. Please review our *Applicant Qualifications* for more information.

6. What are the supplemental procedures for candidates from the Chinese regions of Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan (HMT)?

In addition to applying on the Yenching Academy admissions portal, candidates from the HMT regions are also required to submit a supplementary application through the [Peking University Graduate Admissions website](#) by **January 14, 2022** (5:00pm Beijing time). As part of the university application requirement, they should mail hard copies of corresponding application materials to the Yenching Academy (Office 116, Jingyuan Courtyard 3, Peking University, No. 5 Yiheyuan Road, Beijing, China, 100871) before **January 18, 2022**.

Please note that applicants holding any forms of identification from these regions **must** apply as an HMT applicant. *Failure to complete the Peking University Graduate Admissions application will result in incomplete and unsuccessful application to the Yenching Academy.*

Detailed instructions are available on the Yenching Academy admissions portal.

7. Are Chinese passport holders eligible to apply?

Mainland Chinese applicants apply through a different process. In accordance with the Chinese Ministry of Education's requirements, students holding a P.R.C. passport are eligible for September 2022 admission if they are currently enrolled as undergraduates in a Mainland Chinese university. This requirement does not apply to students from the HMT regions.

For more information, please refer to the [Peking University Graduate Admissions website](#).

8. Who can I contact if I have questions?

You are welcome to contact our colleagues at yca-partnerships@pku.edu.cn if you have any questions or concerns.