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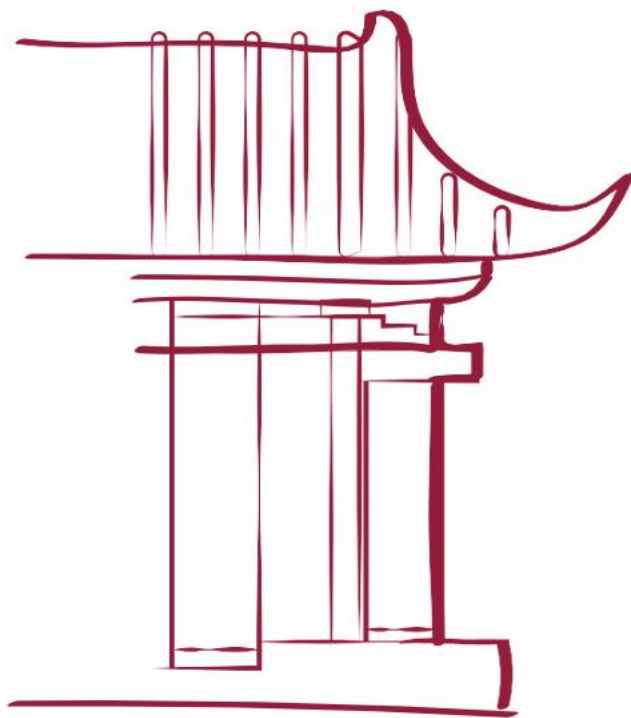
Information for Partner University Internal Nomination Process

2023 Recruitment for International, Chinese Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Candidates

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2023 Applicant Qualifications

Application for the 2023 cohort of Yenching Scholars will be open from **August 15** to **December 4**, 2022. Candidates must submit all materials before 12:00 noon (Beijing time) on the deadline. Letters of recommendation must also be received by this deadline.

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 in general, 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, 2021**. Currently, we do not accept TOEFL MyBest Scores, TOEFL iBT Home Edition, or IELTS Indicator test.

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 the below identity documents issued to residence from these regions **must** apply as an HMT applicant:

- For residents from the HKSAR and Macao SAR: ①香港或澳门永久性居民身份證和②《港澳居民來往內地通行證》或《港澳居民居住證》
- For residents from the Taiwan region: ①在台灣居住的有效身份證明和②《台灣居民來往大陸通行證》或《台灣居民居住證》

Applicants from these regions are required to submit **two** online applications, and send the application materials in hardcopy to the admissions office.

- [Yenching Academy admissions portal](#): Application for 2023 enrollment is open from August 15, 2022 (Beijing time). Deadline for applicants from the HMT regions is on **December 30, 2022** (5 pm on Beijing time). For more information please refer to [the Graduate School of Peking University website](#).
- [The Peking University Graduate Admissions website](#) is accepting applications from 9 am on November 15 to 5 pm on December 30, 2022 (Beijing time). Please make sure this application is submitted on time.

Applicants from the HMT regions are also required to mail hardcopies of the application materials to the Yenching Academy admissions office before **January 5, 2023**.

Detailed and specific instructions for HMT applicants is 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, 2017.

Additionally, applicants who were born in the Chinese Mainland and later renounced their Chinese citizenships will also need to provide the following documents to yca-submissions@pku.edu.cn before **December 4, 2022**:

- A non-PRC passport and/or a naturalization document valid before April 30, 2017, as well as a PRC passport with a “cancellation” stamp;
- A document that proves the cancellation of their record of household registration (户籍) within the Chinese Mainland. This is issued by the police station in which they had their household registration in China.
- Applicants may provide the items outlined in the first point (non-PRC passport, naturalization document, and invalid PRC passport) during the application stage, and submit the household registration cancellation document later in time.
- Note that without the above information, applicants will not be recognized as an international student by the university, leading to ineligibility for admission.

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 1, 2021** 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.

Partner University FAQs

1. What is the role of Partner Universities?

Partner Universities play an important role, helping to make the Yenching Academy known to potential applicants on their campuses. Each Partner University conducts an internal application process and nominates top candidates to us.

*Please note that **all** students and alumni of Partner Universities are required to apply through their universities. We will not consider those who bypass the university process (with exceptions based on prior arrangements with the Yenching Academy).*

While no university can be guaranteed places, we do give extra consideration to nominees.

2. What are the nomination deadlines?

Application deadline for non-Partner University candidates is November 27; we grant Partner Universities an additional week. Please submit all nomination materials before **December 4**, 2022, 12:00 noon Beijing time. We very much appreciate early submissions!

International candidates can also submit their online application through our online portal by **December 4**. The application deadline for candidates from the HMT regions is on **December 30**, 2022 (5 pm on Beijing time).

3. What is the process for nominating candidates?

Please email the following materials to our colleagues at yca-partnerships@pku.edu.cn:

- ① Nominees' full names;
- ② *Institutional Nomination Form*:
 - a) Please include your comments for each nominee, and your rankings among

nominees (if applicable).

③ Each nominee's two academic letters of recommendation:

- a) Written by **full professors** or **associate professors** (or equivalent titles);
- b) Recommenders should include contact information in the letters;
- c) Written on official university letterhead in PDF format, and **signed**;
- d) Recommendation letters for HMT applicants should be submitted following the additional instructions listed on page 2.

4. How should nominees complete the “Recommenders” section of the online application?

Since you will have already submitted each candidate's two academic letters of recommendation by email, nominees may simply enter their recommenders' information (name, title, etc.), but enter our email addresses (yca-submissions@pku.edu.cn and/or noreply-yc-a-admissions@pku.edu.cn) instead of the recommenders' email addresses, then click “send request”. This will prevent unnecessary work for recommenders.

5. What forms should Partner Universities use?

For your internal application process, we recommend that you use the provided *Application Form* and *Form for Recommenders*. After you have a list of nominees, please use our *Institutional Nomination Form* to comment on candidate's qualifications. Forms and other resources for Partner Universities are available [here](#).

6. How many candidates should Partner Universities nominate?

It is helpful for you to nominate only the most highly qualified applicants; engaged students who have the skills to flourish both academically and socially, and are strongly motivated to attend our program. The specific number may vary based on each University's unique situation.

7. What steps will Yenching Academy take after receiving nominations?

Once nominees' applications are complete, we will consider them for finalist interviews. We will contact candidates directly to schedule interviews from December to March. 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 receive an invitation email approximately one week before

the interview date.

Please note that Peking University will be on winter vacation from January 7 to February 19, 2023. During this period of time, no interviews will be scheduled.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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](#) before **December 30**, 2022 (5 pm on 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 5**, 2023.

Please note that applicants holding identity documents issued to residents of 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 will be available [here](#).

11. Are Chinese passport holders eligible to apply?

Mainland Chinese applicants apply through a different process. We are currently only able to accept application from Mainland Chinese students (PRC passport holders) who are currently enrolled as an undergraduate 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](#).

12. Who can I contact if I have questions?

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