



**Yenching Academy
of Peking University**

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Partner University FAQs

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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.

*From this year onward, **all** students and alumni of Partner Universities are required to apply through their universities; we will no longer consider those who bypass the university process.*

2) What are the nomination deadlines?

Please submit all nomination materials before **December 15, 2018**, 12:00 noon Beijing time.

Nominees should also submit their online applications through our [online portal](#) by **December 15**. (The deadline for Non-Partner University candidates is December 7; we grant Partner Universities an additional week.)

3) What is the process for nominating candidates?

Please email us the following:

1. Nominees' full names;
2. Each nominee's two letters of recommendation;
3. Your comments regarding each nominee, and your rankings (You may use our *Institutional Nomination Form*).

Materials should be emailed to International Admissions Manager Cicilia Wang (ycawangcheng@pku.edu.cn). Please cc Head of Admissions Miranda Zuo (ycamiranda@pku.edu.cn).

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

Since you will have already submitted each candidates' two 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 noreply-yca-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?

We recommend that you use the provided *Application Form* and *Form for Recommenders* in your internal application process. You may use our *Institutional Nomination Form* to comment on candidate's qualifications. Forms and other resources 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 in the winter or early spring. Most will be held via Skype. Please note that while no university can be guaranteed places, we do give extra consideration to nominees.

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./Canada, and 30-35% rest of the world). Most decisions will be made in March 2019.

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 carefully review our Applicant Qualifications.

10) Are Chinese passport holders eligible to apply?

Mainland Chinese applicants apply through a separate process. In accordance with the Chinese Ministry of Education's requirements, students holding PRC passports are eligible for admission only if they are currently enrolled as undergraduates in a Mainland Chinese university. This requirement does not apply to students from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan.

11) What are the supplemental procedures for candidates from Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan?

Candidates from Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan must submit a supplementary application through the Peking University Graduate Admissions Portal (<https://admission.pku.edu.cn/applications/>) by **December 7, 2018**. They should also mail hard copies of corresponding application materials to Yenching Academy (Jingyuan Courtyard 3, Office 116, Peking University, No.5 Yiheyuan Road, Beijing, China, 100871). If a candidate holds Hong Kong, Macao or Taiwan residency in addition to a non-PRC passport, the candidate may choose to apply either as an international student or a student from Hong Kong, Macao or Taiwan. (Applying as an international student is recommended in this situation.)

12) Who can I contact if I have questions?

You are welcome to contact Head of Admissions Miranda Zuo with any questions or concerns (ycamiranda@pku.edu.cn).