

## **NEW OPPORTUNITY: APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE YENCHING ACADEMY at PEKING UNIVERSITY**

A fully paid residential one-year “Elite Interdisciplinary China Studies Experience for Future Global Leaders” leading to a Masters in China Studies (Zhongguo Suoshi).

**Applications for the 2016-2017 Yenching Academy Master’s in China Studies program are now available.**

See full details at <http://yenchingacademy.org/>

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The program brings together the selected top students from the top 30 universities in the world along with the top Chinese students for a unique degree program. The program includes many exclusive activities in China and leads to a great cohort bonding experience. This is a chance to get a top professional Chinese perspective on world affairs, but also to establish a life-long elite network with future leaders from Harvard, Princeton, Oxford, Cambridge, etc... and Peking University. This program is presented as a Chinese-style Rhodes scholarship.

Each class will consist of approximately 100 outstanding young people from around the world, with approximately 70% from outside of China, and 30% from mainland China. UBC has been selected as one of the initial partners in this network.

The fellowship is a 12-month residential fellowship. The program includes the writing of an MA thesis. Some students may stay longer, but must find a TAsip or RAsip if they stay longer than 12 months. The Academy may also help students get an internship if they wish to do so after the 12 months.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Master’s or Bachelor’s degree in any field (those from fields such as international relations, political science, Asian Studies, Law, Business, Economics, Literature, History, Philosophy, Religion and Medicine are particularly encouraged).
- Strong GPA (rough target = top 10%)
- Personal statement must demonstrate leadership skills and a well-rounded background (with strong extra-curricular activities); it must show some enthusiasm and sparkle
- Personal statement must also demonstrate an interest in spending one year in China (it should fit in the career vision)
- Age criterion: “strong preference” will be given to those 25 years old or younger on August 31, 2016. But others are welcome to apply
- No need for English tests for UBC students
- PRC citizens cannot apply (they must apply through Peking University). All other citizenships OK (including Taiwan and HK).

### **REQUIRED APPLICATION COMPONENTS:**

- Completed [Application Form](#)
- A personal statement
- Unofficial UBC transcript
- Current CV
- Two letters of recommendation
  - [Completed Recommendation Form](#)

#### **PROCESS FOR UBC STUDENTS:**

- Because UBC is an official partner university of the Yenching Academy, we have some guaranteed spots (usually 1 or 2). UBC is also required to have an internal adjudication process to select a short list of applicants and forward those to the Yenching Academy
- For the 2016-2017 season, UBC has asked the Institute of Asian Research to manage the process. As a result, UBC students are asked to send **their applications to Zhu, Helena** <[helena.zhu@ubc.ca](mailto:helena.zhu@ubc.ca)> **by January 15.**
- Selected students in the internal process will be informed **by January 25.**
- They will then need to submit their files online to Yenching Academy (except the letters, which will be forwarded by IAR directly) after noted that they were officially nominated by UBC (exact process: "After internal decisions on nomination(s), the nominee(s) will need to create an account profile and submit their application on our online application portal. We will not be asking recommenders of nominees to re-send their letters, but will ask that UBC to send the recommendation letters directly to us. There will be a brief section at the end of the online application where Partner University nominees will need to indicate their nominee status. More detailed information about this step will be provided once nomination(s) have been selected.)
- That last step will have a very short time frame and will need to be **completed before Jan 31.**

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

**Website:** <http://yenchingacademy.org/>

[Yenching Academy Brochure](#)

[Yenching Academy Curriculum](#)

For procedural questions, please contact **Helena Zhu** ([helena.zhu@ubc.ca](mailto:helena.zhu@ubc.ca))

For questions on the program itself, please contact **Professor Yves Tiberghien** ([yves.tiberghien@ubc.ca](mailto:yves.tiberghien@ubc.ca))