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MISSION

To equip outstanding young scholars with a broad, interdisciplinary knowledge of China that reflects both Chinese and international perspectives, and to cultivate leaders who will advocate for global progress and cultural understanding.

The Yenching Academy offers an intensive program of interdisciplinary classroom and field study of Chinese history and culture, as well as real-time issues in China’s development. As a college integrated within China’s leading university, the Yenching Academy prepares a diverse group of exceptional international and Chinese students with the knowledge of China that they need to fulfill their potential as global citizens and leaders.
UNIQUE ADVANTAGES
Unparalleled History of Peking University

Peking University (PKU) is one of the most prestigious institutions of higher education in China and its history of promoting social progress and strong academic tradition extends over a century.

1898
PKU was founded; Originally named Imperial University of Peking in 1898.

- 1st Chinese university with comprehensive disciplines
- Served as the Ministry of Education

1912
Adopted the name Peking University in 1912.

- CAI Yuanpei was appointed the President in 1917.

1917
PKU becomes a prosperous academic community
- Principles of freedom of thought and tolerance are adopted

Key influencer of modern Chinese history
Preeminence in Humanities and Social Sciences

Peking University has a long tradition of academic excellence in research in the humanities and social sciences and its strength is unmatched in China.

1. The Chinese Education Ministry Subject Rankings places PKU No.1 in most humanities and social sciences.

PKU scholars in humanities and social sciences have won more national awards and recognitions than any other university in China.

2. Many PKU scholars are influential thinkers in public policy and social discourse.

Master Of China Studies Program

A postgraduate scholarship program for young college graduates from leading universities across the globe.

Yenching Scholars will pursue a Master of China Studies Degree Program taught in English with six concentrations to choose from:

- Politics and International Relations
- Economics and Management
- Law and Society
- Philosophy and Religion
- Literature and Culture
- History and Archaeology

Fellowship
All students receive a one-year fellowship that covers tuition and fees, accommodation and living costs. Additional funding, in the form of research or teaching assistantships, will be available for international students in good standing who choose to complete their thesis at PKU during their second year.

Study Plan
2 years; one year of coursework, one year of thesis work

Field Studies
All scholars are required to participate in a 2-credit field study course, in which they will attend lectures before and during a trip to a culturally/historically important city or region of China.

Language Training
1-year Intensive Chinese language program (for non-Chinese students) at all levels (from elementary to post-advanced reading tutorials).
Foreign Language course for Chinese students

Built on Peking University’s legacy of excellence, particularly in the humanities and social sciences, the Yenching Academy will be:

- An exclusive “community of scholars” comprised of Yenching Scholars, faculty, and prominent social, business and political leaders
- A residential college dedicated to achieving excellence for the most promising students from both China and across the globe
- An idea incubator for innovative humanities and social sciences research conducted by leading scholars both in China and from around the world.
Yenching Scholars Expectations

A prospective Yenching Scholar:

- has an outstanding academic record
- has demonstrated leadership skills
- is active in extracurricular activities
- is engaged with the community and has a strong sense of social responsibility
- displays a strong moral character
- has demonstrated interest in exploring diverse cultures, in particular Chinese and Asia Pacific cultures
- is proficient in English

Annual intake of 100 students, with around 35% from China and the rest from around the globe.

Yenching Faculty & Research

The Yenching Academy faculty will be an esteemed group comprised of pioneering researchers and practitioners with a diversity of academic backgrounds, research expertise, and experience. They are passionate about making a positive global impact, and dedicated to teaching and research excellence. They will comprise of:

20 international leading scholars who will serve as full-time faculty for the academy;

30 renowned and influential PKU faculty from different schools and departments who will be jointly appointed to serve as faculty for the academy;

20 world-renowned visiting faculty will complete a one-year residency to conduct teaching and research

Main areas of interdisciplinary research:

- The formation and development of China’s Civilization
- Chinese traditional culture and China’s modernization
- The interaction of China’s civilization with other world civilizations
- China’s history, culture and value in a global context
- Globalization and China.
The Deans and IAAC Members

Dean Wei Liu
Professor of Economics, Ph.D. Peking University
Executive Vice-President, Peking University

Associate Dean Bo Wang
Professor of Philosophy, Ph.D. Peking University
Director, Office of Humanities and Social Science Research, Peking University
Head, Department of Philosophy, Peking University

Associate Dean Hongbin Cai
Professor of Economics, Ph.D. Stanford University
Dean, Guanghua School of Management, Peking University

Associate Dean John L. Holden
Past President, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

Director of Operations Guohua Jiang
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Associate Dean, the Graduate School, Peking University

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Shih Choon Fong
University Professor, National University of Singapore (NUS) and former President of NUS and of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

Michael Spence
Professor, New York University Leonard N. Stern School of Business; Nobel Laureate in Economics

Henry Yang
Chancellor, University of California, Santa Barbara

Zhang Xudong
Professor of Comparative Literature and Professor of East Asian Studies, New York University; Cheung Kong Chair Professor of Chinese Literature, Peking University
RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE
Yenching Academy Facilities

- Residential College
  - Aims to provide a friendly living environment conducive to cultural and academic exchange
  - Single occupancy dorm rooms
  - Ample public space for social interactions

- Housing for Faculty Fellows
- Cafeteria
- Student Activities Center
- Large to Mid-Sized Seminar Rooms
- Library
- Faculty Offices
- Student Affairs Office
- Administration Office
- Career Development Center & Alumni Services