

2021 Applicant Qualifications

Please note that we have highlighted in yellow a few updates introduced to the 2021 cohort recruitment; see below for more information.

Eligibility

- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in any field; **currently enrolled 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);
- **Research proposal** (maximum one page);
- Curriculum vitae (maximum 2 pages);
- Official transcript(s)¹;
- Diploma(s) or Certificate(s) of Enrollment¹;
- Two letters of recommendation:
 - Peking University will only accept recommendation letters written by **full professors or associate professors** (or equivalent titles).
- English proficiency demonstrated through one of the following scores²:
 - IELTS (Academic): Overall 7.0
 - TOEFL (iBT): Overall 100
 - Cambridge English Scale (Advanced): Overall 185
 - CEFR: C1 level
 - 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.