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Tsinghua University

International Master of Public Administration

Admission Brochure

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1. Program Introduction

1.1 Brief Introduction

1.1.1 Program information

Academic Education Programs sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) of People's Republic of China is designed to foster high-end officials and managerial personnel for the recipient countries, offering one-year and two-year master programs as well as three-year doctoral programs for the purpose of educating high-end and interdisciplinary talent working in the applied fields of government, trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, technology, education, culture and health, building intellectual capacity and facilitating the economic and social development of the recipient countries. These programs provide assistance to governmental officials, research fellows, and senior managerial personnel for their master and doctor education in China, which are fully conducted in English. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree, relevant working experiences, and healthy physical conditions, which is essential for the intense study required for the degrees.

As a result of the positive effects brought by these programs in strengthening economic ties and friendship between China and the recipient countries, MOFCOM will continuously intensify its efforts in enlarging the enrollment scale and improving the quality of education. We believe that by attending the programs and achieving the degrees, you will embrace a successful career and brighter future.

Tsinghua University's International Master of Public Administration (IMPA) will begin its student recruitment of this year. This program is a one-year Academic Education Programs sponsored by MOFCOM and offered by the School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM) at Tsinghua University. The IMPA program was launched in fall 2008, which is designed for government officials from the recipient



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countries and focuses on enhancing cooperation and exchanges between those countries and China. It aims to expand participants' ability to apply public administrative theories and tools, gain a better understanding of China's development practices and build leadership skills necessary for problem-solving in developing and transition countries. The program is taught entirely in English and students will be

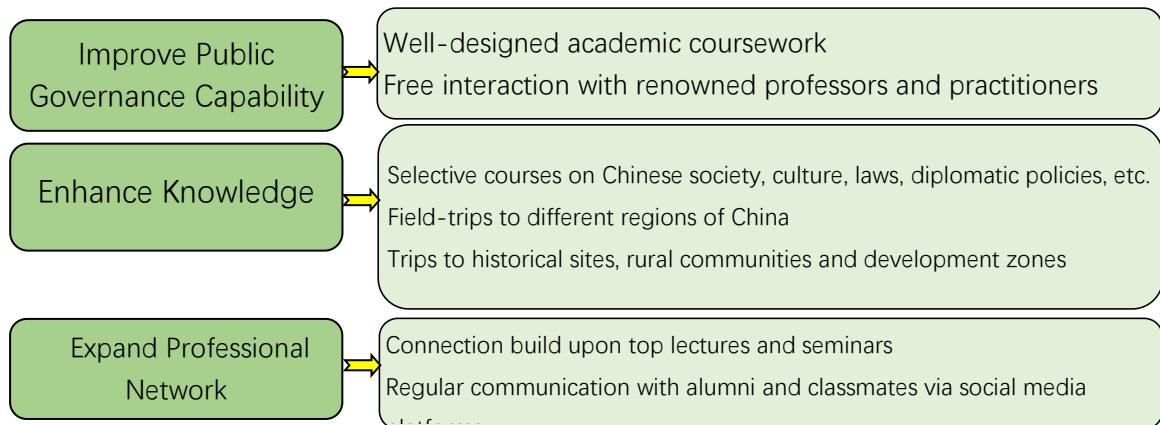


conferred MPA degree upon completion of required credits and thesis defense.

1.1.2 Prospective Students

Division head or above in the government, dean or managerial staff of the same level or above of academic institutions who are under the age of 45, with proficient English for the training program. IMPA program aims to prepare competent policy makers and practitioners for developing countries. Students should all come to China for onsite studies, and must promise to comply with the university's regulation and requirements.

1.1.3 Training Objective





1.1.4 Enrollment Plan

In 2026, Tsinghua University plans to enroll up to 15 students for the IMPA program.

1.1.5 Scholarship Coverage

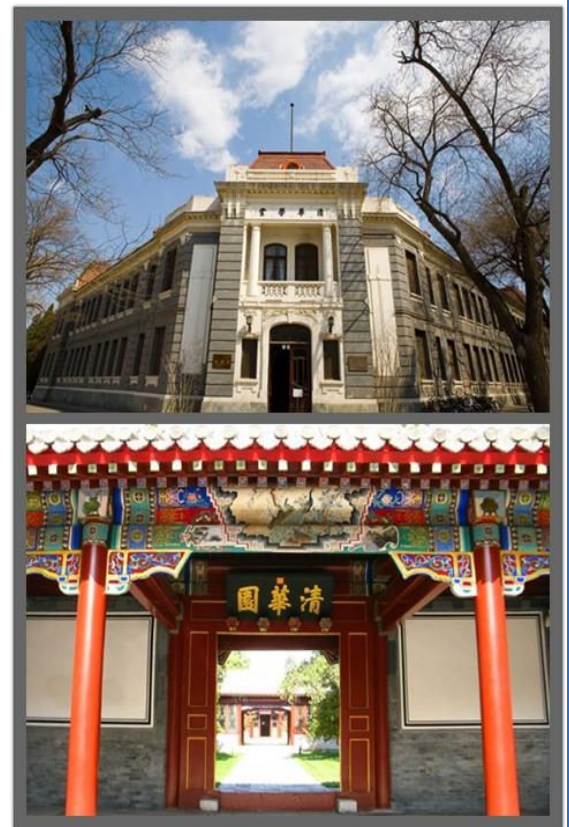
The admitted students will be financially supported by the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China (MOFCOM). The scholarship will cover tuition, accommodation, one round-trip air tickets, insurance, textbooks and material fee, field trip, graduation thesis supervision fee, etc. Students will receive monthly stipend of RMB 3,000 during the on-campus study time and the one-time relocation fee (RMB 3,000). Other expenses will be managed by MOFCOM and the university jointly. If the student cannot complete the study within the required 1 year, the scholarship cannot be extended.

It is not allowed to bring spouse or children to China to accompany the students to study. If a student has family members or friends to visit during his/her stay in China, all the expenses should be self-paid. MOFCOM and the university are not responsible for taking care of them.

1.2 Introduction of Tsinghua University

1.2.1 Tsinghua University

Tsinghua University was established in 1911, originally under the name "Tsinghua Xuetang". As one of China's most renowned universities, Tsinghua has become an important institution for fostering talent and scientific research.





At present, Tsinghua has 33 schools, 54 departments and 16 colleges with faculties in science, engineering, humanities, law, medicine, history, philosophy, economics, management, education and art.

With the motto of “Self-Discipline and Social Commitment” and the spirit of “Actions Speak Louder than Words”, Tsinghua University is dedicated to the well-being of Chinese society and the world development.

1.2.2 School of Public Policy and Management

The School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM) at Tsinghua University was founded in 2000. As the first graduate school in public administration in China, the School's long-term objective is to become a world-class institution that actively engages in teaching, research, and consulting in global public affairs.

Great progress has been made since the school's founding. Tsinghua SPPM has built an outstanding faculty team and established an excellent Master of Public Administration (MPA) program and research-oriented Master and Ph.D. programs in public management. Since 2007, the school has consecutively launched seven English master programs, namely Master of Public Administration in International Development (MID) in 2007 and International Master of Public Administration (IMPA) in 2008, Master of International Development and Governance (MIDG) in 2015, Master of Public Policy for Sustainable Development Goals (MPP-SDG) and International Master of Public Administration in the Belt and Road Initiative (IMPA-BRI) program in 2018, International Master of Public Administration for Future Leaders (IMPA-FL) program in 2020.

On July 16th, 2013, Tsinghua MPA program received the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) Accreditation. It is the first MPA program outside





the United States to receive NASPAA Accreditation. In August 2022, Tsinghua MPA program passed the NASPAA accreditation again, and has become the only program in China that has received a second NASPAA Accreditation. In 2025, Tsinghua MPA program passed the Chinese Advanced MPA Education Accreditation (CAMPAA).

The research activities in public policy and management in the school have made important contributions to the formulation and implementation of public policies in China. Close linkages and partnerships have also been forged with international organizations and academic programs in public policy and management around the world.

1.2.3 Life at Beijing and Tsinghua

Life in Beijing

In Beijing, the climate is a typical north temperate and semi humid continental monsoon climate. It is rainy in summer, cold and dry in winter with very short spring and autumn. The annual average temperature is 10-12 degrees. In winter, down jacket is needed. As an international metropolis and China's national political center, Beijing has a long historical tradition and rich cultural heritage. In 2024, the per capita disposable income of Beijing residents was around 85,400 RMB. The living expense is very high in Beijing.

Life at Tsinghua

Tsinghua University provides dormitory rooms for IMPA program students, with each student staying in one room. Each room includes a single bed, a desk, chairs, a wardrobe, central air conditioning, wired and wireless networks, with public bathroom and toilet on each floor. There are more than 10 student dining halls at campus, providing a variety of dishes including Muslim and Western food. Various sports facilities are also provided on campus, including: the Natatorium (swimming and diving), the Comprehensive Gymnasium (badminton, table tennis, basketball, and gymnastics), the West Gymnasium (badminton, basketball, volleyball, and billiards), the West Playground, the East Playground, Zijing Sports Complex (basketball, tennis, volleyball, and soccer), etc. International students can have their own internet accounts and get access to various on-campus internet resources.



1.3 Academic Plan

1.3.1 Curriculum Arrangement

IMPA students are required to obtain at least 25 credits, of which 2 credits must be from a course in Chinese, 3 credits from Chinese history or culture, 9 credits from core courses, at least 3 credits from concentration courses, at least 3 credits from elective courses, and at least 5 credits from professional practice. A 10,000-word master degree thesis is required.

- Compulsory Courses (5 credits)

- **Chinese Language (for international students) (2 credits)**

- (1) 64203012 Primary Chinese (A)
- (2) 64203022 Primary Chinese (B)
- (3) 64203032 Intermediate Chinese (A)
- (4) 64203042 Intermediate Chinese (B)
- (5) 64203052 Intermediate Chinese
- (6) 64203062 Intermediate- Advanced Chinese
- (7) 64203072 Advanced Chinese

- **Chinese History or Culture (3 credits)**

Number	Course	Credit	Language	Semester
60040011	Development and Management of the Yellow River Basin	1 credit	English	Autumn
60590042	Government Operations in China	2 credits	Chinese	Autumn
60610082	Chinese Culture and Society	2 credits	English	Autumn
60610112	An introduction of Science, Technology and Society in China	2 credits	Chinese	Autumn



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60640542	Introduction to Chinese Thought and Culture	2 credits	English	Autumn
60660053	Introduction to Chinese Law and Chinese Society	3 credits	English	Autumn
60680031	Social and Economic Policies, Practices and Challenges in Contemporary China	1 credit	English	Autumn
60972003	Chinese Culture, History and Values	3 credits	English	Autumn
70970063	Contemporary China's Institutional Transformation and Social Changes	3 credits	English	Autumn
80000902	History of Chinese Architecture	2 credits	English	Autumn
80800362	Chinese Traditional Furniture Research	2 credits	Chinese	Autumn
80800702	The study of Chinese ink painting	2 credits	Chinese	Autumn
80970222	Political Thought in Chinese History and Philosophy	2 credits	English	Autumn
60640522	A Panoramic View of Chinese Culture	2 credits	English	Autumn/Spring
61030132	A Chinese Perspective on Global Development Issues	2 credits	English	Autumn/Spring
60050032	Human Perspectives on Environmental Issues and Solutions	2 credits	English	Spring
60510341	Macroeconomics: The Chinese Economy	1 credit	English	Spring
60510371	Frontiers of Chinese Contemporary Issues Research	1 credit	Chinese & English	Spring
60610132	Chinese Philosophy	2 credits	English	Spring
60640552	New Horizon in Chinese Philosophy	2 credits	English	Spring
60660062	Introduction to Intellectual Property Law in China	2 credits	English	Spring



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60690032	An Introduction of Chinese History and Culture	2 credits	English	Spring
60690053	The Artistic and Cultural Interaction Between China and the West	3 credits	English	Spring
80140292	Energy strategy for sustainable development	2 credits	English	Spring
80670632	Intercultural communication	2 credits	English	Spring

Note: Students can choose one 2-3 credits Chinese History or Culture. Insufficient credit can be completed by extra credits from concentration or elective courses.

- **Compulsory Core Courses (9 credits)**

Course	Credit
Public Organization and management	3
Public Policy Analysis	3
Research Design and Thesis Writing	3

- **Concentration Courses (No less than 3 credits)**

Course	Credit
Comparative Governance and Development Practices	3
Comparative Politics and Government	3
Development: Theory and Practice	3

Note: Subject to the approval of their advisors, students can also select other degree courses (English, no more than 3 credits) offered to graduate students by THU as their concentration courses.

- **Elective Courses (No less than 3 credits)**

Course	Credit
Introduction to Sustainable Development	3
Governance and Development	3



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Frontier on Public Policy Study-International Political Economy Analysis	3
Frontier of Public Management	3
Belt and Road Initiative and the Reshaping of World Economy	3
Economic Development and Policy in China	3
'International Political Economy	3
Public Law with International Perspective	3
Politics and Government in China	3

Chinese Development and Global Governance Courses Group

International Development Frontier I	80591751	School of Public Policy & Management
Guest Lecture Series I	80590901	School of Public Policy & Management
International Organizations and Global Governance	80591633	School of Public Policy & Management
Introduction to Sustainable Development	70590773	School of Public Policy & Management
Leadership in A New Era	80515182	School of Economics and Management
International Finance	70510243	School of Economics and Management
Innovation and Entrepreneurship in China	80970212	Schwarzman College
China's International Development Cooperation: Theory, Policy and Practices	80977132	Schwarzman College
Leadership based on values	80974261	Schwarzman College



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Security in Asian region	80977192	Schwarzman College
Strategic Communication in the Era of New Globalization	80977212	Schwarzman College
Future Design for the Fourth Industrial Revolution	80970191	Schwarzman College
Political Thought in Chinese History and Philosophy	80970222	Schwarzman College
China's Foreign Relations	80977172	Schwarzman College
Leading Issues in International Relations	70970002	Schwarzman College
Financial Reporting & Analysis	80970061	Schwarzman College
Environmental Governance Globally and in China	80974282	Schwarzman College
Improving Urban Environment: A Review of Issues and Methods	80974331	Schwarzman College
Decentralization in Asian-Pacific region	80977202	Schwarzman College
The Ethics and Governance of AI	80974341	Schwarzman College
China's Relations with other developing countries	80977231	Schwarzman College

Note: With the approval of advisor, credits required for elective courses can be substituted by those from concentration courses. Specific information of courses is subject to actual teaching arrangements and related regulation in the beginning of each semester.

- **Compulsory Components (5 Credits)**

Course	Credit
Literature Review and Thesis Proposal	1
Field Study	3
Ethics in Public Administration (no less than 1 credit)	
International Development Frontier I	1
Guest Lecture Series I	1



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Ethics in Public Administration	1
Science & Art of Leadership	3

1.3.2 Faculty

Name	Title	Research Area
Dai Yixin	Professor Ph. D, Syracuse University	Public Administration Theory, Innovation Governance, Renewable Energy Policy, Environmental Governance
Lv Xiaoli	Associate Professor Ph. D, Utrecht University, the Netherlands	Crisis Management, Public Organizations, Institutional Theory, Public Administration
Wang Qingxin	Professor Ph. D, State University of New York at Buffalo	East Asian Politics and international Relations, Political Philosophy, Confucian Political Thought
Wang Youqiang	Professor Ph. D University of Maryland Ph. D, Ohio University,	Public Economics, Public Governance, Leadership
Yin Chengzhi	Associate Professor Ph. D, Peking University Ph. D., University of Stuttgart, Germany	Urban and Regional Planning, Urban Governance, Urban Management
Yu An	Professor Ph. D., Peking University	Administrative Law; Government Management
Zhang Penglong	Associate Professor Ph. D, Boston College	Globalization and International Trade, International Relations, Development, Economic Geography
Zheng Zhenqing	Associate Professor Ph.D, Peking University	Comparative Politics, Political Sociology, Social Stratification and Governance Taiwan's Political Economy and Cross-Strait Relations
Zhou Yuan	Associate Professor Ph. D, University of Cambridge	Public Policy, Innovation Management, Innovation Policy



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Gui Tianhan	Associate Professor Ph. D, University of Florida	Overseas Development Assistance, Development/Aid Project Evaluation, Gender
Zhang Fang	Associate Professor Ph.D., Tsinghua University, China Ph.D., Tufts University, USA	Technological Innovation and Technology Transfer, Energy and Climate Policies, Global Governance
Qian Meijun	Professor Ph.D., Boston College, USA	Compare Financial Systems, Economic Development, Financial Institution Risk and Regulation

1.3.3 Teaching Method

The program introduces to the students the major concepts, theories and practices of public management. It will also help students access and understand the practices of Chinese public administration in the reform era. To achieve this end, instructor will adopt various teaching methods, including lecturing, case discussion, group presentations and on-site visits. Students are expected to actively participate in the teaching process and contribute to the classroom discussion.

1.3.4 Graduation Dissertation

➤ **Thesis Proposal**

Prior to thesis preparation, students must determine a thesis topic after consulting with his/her advisor, and submit the Thesis Proposal Report and Schedule of Thesis Writing of Master's Candidates of Tsinghua University along with a hard copy of the proposal signed by the advisor to the Academic Office. In case the thesis proposal is not approved, the student must consult with his/her advisor and submit a revised proposal. According to the requirements for graduate innovative achievements, the advisor should conduct a comprehensive evaluation of students' topic selection, sign and give comments on the thesis proposal form. Student whose thesis proposal is concluded as "failed" should revise their proposal and resubmit it within 1 month. Student whose second thesis proposal result is concluded as "failed" should revise their proposal work again and resubmit thesis proposal the third time within 1 month. In the third review, if the thesis proposal still



cannot pass before the end of the first semester, thesis work will be assessed as “not meet the requirements of program study”. In this case, the student should apply for withdrawal, otherwise he/she will be expelled from Tsinghua University.

After the thesis proposal has been approved, students will receive 1 credit for Literature Review and Thesis Proposal course.

➤ **Thesis Preparation**

Students in the program must prepare the thesis under the guidance of his/her advisor and in accordance with the basic requirements for IMPA Thesis. The thesis must be written in English. Students can refer to thesis formatting template provided by the Academic Office. In order to orally defend his/her degree thesis, the student's thesis must meet the format requirement.

➤ **Mid-term Review on Thesis Work**

IMPA students should complete the mid-term review of the thesis on time in accordance with the notice from the Academic Office. In principle, mid-term review should be conducted no later than 1 month before the application for thesis defense. After the advisor has reviewed and signed the student's thesis, the assessment team under the International Program Committee will organize a comprehensive review on the progress of thesis work, work attitude, energy investment and other aspects. Those who pass are allowed to continue the thesis work.

➤ **Thesis Defense**

Students must satisfy all academic requirements of the academic plan and pass all the courses (no failed or incomplete course) in order to apply for oral defense of thesis.

Students defending in the spring semester must submit the final draft (hard copy) of the thesis signed by the advisor before the deadline informed by the Graduate School (thesis defense schedule varies based on academic announcement by the university each year). Tsinghua University Master's degree (graduation) approval material must be submitted with the final draft.



Students must fill out the Tsinghua University Master's Degree (Graduation) Approval Material forms, and sign The Authorization Statement on the use of dissertation and The Statement of Acknowledgements and Declaration prior to leaving school. The student may ask the Academic Office to print the final copies of his/her thesis (signed by the advisor) at the student's own cost.

Students cannot defend the thesis without the advisor's signature. Students who are approved for oral defense must attend the defense in person. The school holds two thesis defenses per year, generally in May and November. The Academic Office will announce the specific time each semester.

After the thesis defense finishes, students are also required to cooperate with Academic Office to submit thesis and complete forms. Students must satisfy all academic requirements of the academic plan and pass all the courses (no failed or incomplete course) in order to apply for oral defense of thesis.

1.3.5 Graduation and Degree Conferral

IMPA students must complete all degree requirements, and pass the oral thesis defense in order to receive graduation and degree certificates.

Based on the quality of the thesis and the student's oral defense, the university will make decision to grant a degree, postpone the granting of a degree, or not grant a degree. In the event that the student does not pass the defense, he/she will receive a Certificate of Completion. A certificate from MOFCOM will also be issued upon graduation.

The university confers degrees in June and December of each academic year.



2. Admission

2.1 Qualification of Applicants

- Non-Chinese nationals with academic or professional background in the fields of Government, Business etc. from developing countries. Applicants should be mid-to senior level managerial staff or officials.
- Authenticated Bachelor's degree.
- Under the age of 45 by the time of enrollment (Borne after Sep 1, 1981) with no less than 5-year full-time working experiences.
- Good academic background and strong analytic ability. Preference will be given to in-service candidates who possess a relevant academic or professional background in the field related to the program.
- Good physical and mental health, providing health certificate or physical examination form issued by local public hospitals to prove that have no diseases that violate Chinese laws and regulations prohibiting the entry and prohibition of long-term residency in China. (MOFCOM has the right to decline the applicants who have severe hypertension, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer and other serious chronic diseases, mental illness or infectious diseases that are likely to cause significant harm to public health, or in major surgery and acute diseases, seriously disabled or pregnant women to attend the program. Pregnancy during the period of study in China shall result in mandatory withdrawal from the program.)
- High English proficiency (for nonnative English speakers: TOEFL 85/IELTS 6.5, or equivalent).
- Strong potential for professional development in their chosen field and a commitment to promoting friendly exchanges and cooperation between their home country and China.
- Students who are studying in China or have been admitted to other Chinese



government scholarship programs are not allowed to apply.

Only applicants recommended by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China will be considered for admission.

2.2 Application Procedure

2.2.1 Embassy Recommendation

Only with the approval from their government ministry can the applicant apply for this program, and submit all the application material to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in their own country. The ministry should clarify with the Embassy about whether the applicant accepts **application adjustments** such as taking another similar program or studying in different universities if the enrollment quota in the intended university is used up.

If the ministry of the applicant's home country permits he/she to submit materials directly to Embassy of the People's Republic of China in their own country, the applicant should acquire certificates or recommendation from the Ministry and submit the documents to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office, Embassy of the People's Republic of China.

Once the university has received the official recommendation letter from the Chinese Embassy, the academic review will start.

2.2.2 Application Procedure

Please complete Tsinghua University's online application (<https://yzbm.tsinghua.edu.cn/intlLogin>). When filling the online application, please choose "125200 Master of Public Administration"--"International Master of Public Administration program" in the system, and specify the financial sponsor as Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China. Applicants should fill in the



application information online, upload the application documents listed below to the Online Application System.

For detailed THU requirements, you can refer this website first:
<https://yz.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/>

2.2.3 Required Application Materials

- (1) Passport bio page (**personal ordinary-type passport**). Applicant who holds personal ordinary-type passport and diplomatic visa in China should also provide the scanned copy of diplomatic visa page. For more details, please check <https://yz.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/>.
- (2) Three 2-inch photos. One photo should be pasted onto the application form.
- (3) Bachelor's degree certificate (original) and the authentication. The authentication should be issued by the educational authorities of the applicant's home country or by the educational authorities of the country where the degree-granting institution is located.
- (4) Academic transcript of your undergraduate study (original).
- (5) Resume in English, including personal background, study experience after high school and work experience.
- (6) Personal statement in English. The personal statement should be completed directly in the application system. Please indicate the motivation for applying the program, the advantages and accomplishment after fulfilling the program, the study plan and the career goal.
- (7) Two academic recommendation letters from scholars who hold the title of associate professor or higher, or senior professionals in a related academic field. Please follow the instructions on the online system for submission of online recommendation letters or upload the recommendation letters signed by references.
- (8) English language proficiency test results. For non-native English speakers or



applicants whose instruction media of tertiary education is not English, evidence of English proficiency is required. TOEFL 85 or above; IELTS 6.5 or above.

- (9) Foreigner Physical Examination Form. The examination result must be obtained within 1 month prior to submitting the application materials. All applicants shall be in good physical conditions and carry no infectious diseases which may have a serious impact on public health or fall into any of the health situations prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations.

- (10) Non-Criminal Record Report, within 6 months of application.

Note: All documents must be submitted to Tsinghua University's online application portal instead of mailing or emailing. The documents provided should be the original documents in Chinese or in English; otherwise notarized translations in Chinese or English are required.

2.3 Important Application Notes

(1) Applicants are required to submit scanned images of all required documents at the time of application. **All uploaded documents should be in Chinese or in English; otherwise notarial translations in Chinese or English are required.** Once translated, the original documents and certified translations are to be submitted together to the application system.

(2) Please scan the original or notarial application documents in color using a scanner. Documents images captured by mobile phone or camera are not acceptable. Scans of copies are also not acceptable.

(3) Applications with incomplete documents will not be processed. Applicants should take the initiative to understand the application procedures and application requirements before applying. The applicant will be responsible for any consequences arising from failure to complete the application process as required.

(4) THU has the right to require applicants to provide original application materials



or authentication documents issued by a designated certification body for further inspection.

(5) As some countries' higher education systems are very different from the Chinese system, applicants from different education systems should refer to THU's online application website for reference. Click here: <https://yz.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/info/1020/1098.htm>

(6) If the higher-level department issues a new policy, THU will make corresponding adjustments.

(7) Applicants must ensure that the application information, application materials, degree certificate and degree authentication provided are true and accurate. If the admissions unit or certification department verifies that anything in the application is not true, the application, admission or study qualification will be cancelled.

(8) Applicants who are found to be in breach of academic ethics, professional ethics, honesty and trustworthiness, etc., will not be admitted or admission/study qualification will be cancelled after this breach has been verified.

(9) The relevant information, documents and messages that the THU Graduate Admissions Office and relevant departments / schools publish or send to applicants through websites, phone calls, emails, text messages, etc. are deemed to have been delivered. All consequences caused by the applicant's personal negligence and other reasons shall be borne by the applicant himself/herself.

(10) Chinese government will not explain the application result, either the applicant is admitted or not.

(11) No accommodation fee for family members' visits.

(12) Chinese visa application procedure and other information will be specified in the admission letter.

Other unfinished matters in this guide are implemented in accordance with “Admission to Graduate Programs of Tsinghua University 2026 (For



International Students)”: <https://yz.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/info/1035/1523.htm>.

2.4 Time Table

Event	Date
Deadline of Application	June 6, 2026
Admission Notice and Visa Application Form (JW) Issued	August, 2026
Registration	August, 2026
1 st Semester	September, 2026-January, 2027
Confirmation of Advisor	October-November, 2026
Thesis Proposal	January 2027
Winter Holiday	January to February, 2027
2 nd Semester	February-June, 2027
Mid-term Review	February 2027
Thesis Defense	May, 2027
Commencement	June, 2027
Return to Home Country	July, 2027

Note: Registration time is to be confirmed on the Admission Notice. The dates may subject to change according to the university calendar.



3. Contact Information

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