



清華大學公共管理學院

School of Public Policy & Management, Tsinghua University

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## IMPA-BRI Program Application Guide

**Academic Year 2025/26**

The Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road initiative, known as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), was proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping and has attracted close attention from all over the world. The five major goals of the BRI are policy coordination, facilities connectivity, unimpeded trade, financial integration and people-to-people bonds.

The International Master of Public Administration in the Belt and Road Initiative (IMPA-BRI) program is under the “Belt and Road” Talent Development Program, offered at Tsinghua University, hosted by International Cooperation Center (ICC) of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and Tanoto Foundation China. It is a one-year English Master program delivered by the School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University (Tsinghua SPPM). Developed out of Tsinghua SPPM’s IMPA program, the IMPA-BRI program is particularly designed to expand the scope of cooperation and exchange between countries participating in the BRI and to train promising talents for the BRI

countries. Featuring a curriculum that combines course studies, field research and thesis writing, the program aims to help participants gain a better understanding of China's development experiences and of the BRI, develop their analytical capability for public policy, and build leadership skills necessary for public-sector professionals.

Tsinghua University is one of the most renowned universities in China. With the motto of "Self-Discipline and Social Commitment" and the spirit of "Actions Speak Louder than Words", Tsinghua University has become an important institution for fostering talents and scientific research, and is dedicated to the well-being of Chinese society and the world development. It also has a long tradition of nurturing public leadership. Both the former and current presidents, Mr. HU Jintao and Mr. XI Jinping are Tsinghua alumni.

Tsinghua SPPM 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. In July 2013, Tsinghua's Master of Public Administration (MPA) program received the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) Accreditation, which was 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.

## **I. Eligibility**

1) Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens with a valid personal ordinary-type passport and should be citizens from countries participating in the BRI. For a list of the countries, please refer to the official website of “Belt and Road Portal” (<https://eng.yidaiyilu.gov.cn>).

2) Master's Degree program applicants should have a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent degree to a Bachelor's Degree (or above) in China. The students who will enroll in 2025 must obtain the nationally recognized bachelor's degree (for the universities of Chinese mainland) or the degree authentication report issued by Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange, Ministry of Education, P. R. China (CSCSE) (for overseas universities) before THU graduate student registration date of 2025, otherwise the admission qualification is invalid.

3) Applicants should preferably be senior government officials, senior enterprise managers, or administrative heads and senior managerial staff of universities/colleges/academic institutions.

4) Applicants should be under the age of 45 before entering the school in 2025, and with at least 5 years of full-time working experience after

obtaining the bachelor's degree.

5) Applicants should have high English proficiency.

6) Applicants should be in good health and of good character (meet the physical examination requirements stipulated by the country and THU), be well-behaved and be willing to abide by China's laws and regulations, as well as Tsinghua's rules.

Note: The applicant shall carefully check whether he/she meets the application qualification and application requirements (including the application requirements declared by the School of Public Policy and Management) before applying. The relevant consequences arising from his/her failure to meet the application qualification and application requirements shall be borne by the applicant himself/herself.

## **II. How to Apply**

Complete the Online Application on the website of Tsinghua University (<https://yzbm.tsinghua.edu.cn/intlLogin>) during the designated application period. Fill in the application form, upload the application materials listed below, and pay the application fee online.

### **Required Application Materials:**

- Passport (personal ordinary-type passport): Applicants should present bio page of personal ordinary-type passport. Those who previously held Chinese nationality and subsequently acquired foreign nationality are

required to provide certificate of cancelled Chinese household registration (Hukou) and certificate of naturalized citizenship of other countries. Applicant who holds personal ordinary-type passport and diplomatic visa in China should also provide the scanned copy of diplomatic visa page.

- Degree certificate and degree authentication. Master's degree program applicants should submit their Bachelor's degree certificate. The degree diploma awarded by overseas universities should be authenticated by the Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange, Ministry of Education, P. R. China. The degree diploma awarded by universities of Chinese mainland should be authenticated by the Center for Student Services and Development, Ministry of Education, P. R. China (CSSD) .

- Academic transcript. Master's degree program applicants should submit the academic transcript of their undergraduate study. Applicants who will not graduate before the application deadline shall provide their current academic transcript. In this case, the completed academic transcript must be submitted before registration. If the uploaded transcript cannot directly show the total GPA score, the GPA certification document issued by the university is also required.

- Personal statement. The personal statement should be completed directly in the application system.

- Two academic recommendation letters from scholars who have 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.

- Official results of English language proficiency tests (if available): Applicants whose first language or language of instruction in their tertiary education is not English are recommended to provide evidence of English proficiency. If needed, video interviews will be conducted for prospective candidates to test their language proficiency.

**Important Application Notes:**

- 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 should be submitted together to the application system.
- Please scan the original or notarized application documents in color using a scanner. Images captured by mobile phone or camera are not acceptable. Scans of copies are also not acceptable.
- The application fee (800RMB) must be paid at the time the application is submitted. Please apply online and pay the application fee in a safe place. THU is not responsible for any losses caused by your own operation errors or the leakage of your online payment account and password. Please

consider carefully before paying the application fee online. If you cannot finish the application due to various reasons, the paid application fee will not be refunded. Regardless of whether the application is successful or not, the application fee is not refundable.

- Applications with incomplete documents or without application fee payment 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.

- THU has the right to require applicants to provide original/notarized copies of application materials or certification documents issued by a designated certification body for further inspection.

- 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](#):

- None of the above application documents will be returned.

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

- Applicants must ensure that the application information and application materials 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.

- 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.
- The relevant information, documents and messages that the THU Graduate Admissions Office and Tsinghua SPPM 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.

Here is the website of Admission to Graduate Programs of Tsinghua University 2025 (For International Students) -THU Graduate Admissions for International Students

### **III. Evaluation and Admission**

THU admits students based on evaluation of their application documents together with a comprehensive assessment. The application materials are reviewed by an expert group, and the candidates for the comprehensive assessment will be selected based on the review results. The comprehensive assessment is generally based on interviews. The specific content, format, requirements and time arrangements are determined by Tsinghua SPPM and will be notified to applicants who enter the comprehensive assessment.

Tsinghua University comprehensively considers the results of material



review, comprehensive assessment and other factors, selects the best candidates, and determines the admission list. A Certificate of Admission and the appendix will be issued by THU after the final admission result is released. Prior to this, applicants may check their admission status via the Application System (<https://yzbm.tsinghua.edu.cn/intlLogin>).

#### **IV. Accommodation**

Due to limited accommodation on campus, dormitory rooms must be applied for online; this is conducted on a first come, first served basis. On-campus rooms can only be reserved for those who successfully apply for a dormitory room online. Those who fail to apply for a dorm must find off-campus accommodation independently.

Detailed information regarding THU life, accommodation, student activities, visas and residence permit application, as well as other useful information, is available on the International Students & Scholars Center website. <http://is.tsinghua.edu.cn>

#### **V. Visa Application and Registration**

Admitted students should apply for a student visa (X1 visa) at the Embassy or Consulate of the People's Republic of China in their home country. To apply, students should provide their personal ordinary-type passport,

Admission Notice, Visa Application Form (JW202/JW201), and original Foreigner Physical Examination Form, as well as other physical examination original documents/reports (applicants should check with the Chinese embassy/consulate for specific requirements).

Students must enter China with an ordinary-type passport (nationality and personal information must be consistent with the passport information as applying) and X1 visa, and must apply for a Residence Permit within 30 days after arrival in China. Students are required to arrive at THU (along with the original versions of required documents) and complete their university registration during the dates indicated in the Admission package. Normally, registration is held in late August. All students should present the required original degree certificates, and submit the degree authentication issued by THU designated institutions upon registration at Tsinghua University for enrollment qualification review. Students who fail the enrollment qualification review will be disqualified from enrollment and study at Tsinghua University.

## **VI. Application Schedule**

1st round: 17:00pm, 31st, March, 2025. (Beijing time)

2nd round: 17:00pm, 30th, April, 2025. (Beijing time)

## **VII. Scholarship**

All successful applicants of the IMPA-BRI program will receive full scholarship provided by Tanoto Foundation China. The scholarship covers the full tuition fee, accommodation subsidy and living allowance. Tanoto Foundation China also covers for the field trip and the medical insurance fee for the duration of the program.

## **VIII. Duration and Mode of Attendance**

The program is one year full-time.

## **IX. Curriculum Structure**

Students enrolled in the IMPA-BRI program are required to obtain at least 28 credits. Of the 28 credits, at least 5 credits must be from required courses in Chinese language and culture, 9 credits from core courses, 6 credits from specialization courses, at least 3 credits from elective courses, and 5 credits from required components. A 10,000-word Master's Degree thesis is required.

The following are some of the courses offered in the IMPA-BRI program:

- Public Organization and Management
- Public Policy Analysis
- Research Design and Thesis Writing

- Comparative Politics and Government
- Comparative Governance and Development Practices
- Science and Art of Leadership
- Frontier of Public Management
- Public Law with International Perspective
- Public Management Practice
- Politics and Government in China

## **X. Contact Information**

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## **XI. About SPPM of Tsinghua University**

Website: <http://www.sppm.tsinghua.edu.cn/english>

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