FAQs

1) **What is the role of Partner Universities?**
   Partner Universities help to make the Yenching Academy known on campus to potential applicants. They conduct internal application processes and nominate top candidates to us. Your students and alumni must apply directly to your university before applying through our online portal.

2) **What are the nomination deadlines?**
   Please submit materials before 12:00 noon Beijing time on the relevant deadline:
   - **Dec. 11, 2017**: Universities in the United States and Canada;
   - **Jan. 15, 2018**: Universities in all other countries.
   Nominees should also submit their online applications before these deadlines.

3) **How will deadlines apply to international students and alumni?**
   Candidates should first apply through your internal admissions process. There may be rare exceptions; for example, an alumna of a U.S. university learns about Yenching Academy after returning to her home country, when your nomination process is already complete, and wishes to apply by the later deadline. In such cases, candidates may apply directly to Yenching Academy before the final deadline.

4) **What is the process for nominating candidates?**
   Please email us the following:
   1. Nominees’ full names;
   2. Each nominee’s two letters of recommendation;
   3. Your comments regarding each nominee, and your rankings.
   Materials should be emailed to Ms. Cicilia Wang (yca-submissions@pku.edu.cn). Please cc Ms. Miranda Zuo (ycamiranda@pku.edu.cn).

   Nominees must then complete their applications through our online portal. Since you will have already submitted each candidates’ two letters of
recommendation to us by email, the candidates may simply enter their recommenders’ information in the application (name, title, etc.), but enter our email address (yca-submissions@pku.edu.cn) instead of the recommenders’ email addresses, and then click “send request.” This will prevent unnecessary work for recommenders.

5) **What forms should Partner Universities use?**
   We recommend that you use the provided Application Form and Form for Recommenders in your internal application process, to avoid duplicate work for applicants. You may use our Institutional Nomination Form to comment on candidate’s qualifications.

6) **How many candidates should Partner Universities nominate?**
   It is helpful if you nominate only the most highly qualified applicants; leaders who have the skills to flourish both academically and socially. Please carefully review our Applicant Qualifications.

7) **What steps will Yenching Academy take after receiving nominations?**
   Once nominees’ applications are complete, we will consider them for finalist interviews. We will contact candidates directly to schedule interviews. Most will be held via Skype. Please note that while no university can be guaranteed places, we do give extra consideration to nominees.

8) **When can applicants expect decisions?**
   We will make some acceptance offers on a rolling basis for those we are certain fit our requirements and geographic diversity guidelines for international students (approximately 30-35% Europe, 25-30% U.S./Canada, and 30-35% rest of the world). Most decisions will be made only after the final deadline.

9) **What qualities should a Yenching Scholar possess?**
   We seek talented, high potential individuals whose collective diversity will create a rich learning and living environment. The best way to understand what we look for in candidates is to review the bios of scholars in our first three cohorts, available on our website.

10) **Are Chinese passport holders eligible to apply?**
Mainland Chinese applicants apply through a separate process. In accordance with the Chinese Ministry of Education’s requirements, students holding PRC passports are eligible for admission only if they are currently enrolled as undergraduates in a Mainland Chinese university. This requirement does not apply to students from Hong Kong, Macao or Taiwan.

11) Who can I contact if I have questions?
You are welcome to contact Senior Manager of Admissions Miranda Zuo with any questions or concerns (ycamiranda@pku.edu.cn).