



Academic Qualifications

- Undergraduate applicants must demonstrate proof of completion (or anticipated completion) of a minimum of one year of university study prior to the voyage.
- Postgraduate applicants must have earned (or anticipate earning) a minimum of a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) prior to the voyage.
- All applicants for whom English is not their native language must demonstrate proficiency in English in the last two years and be prepared to succeed in a rigorous academic environment. To view requirements, you may download [English Proficiency Requirements](#) (PDF) here.
- Preference is given to students whose academic results are above average in their nation's system. Download [Required Academic Performance by Country](#) (PDF) here.

Prerequisites

- Some advanced subjects require a prior level of knowledge in order to enroll. Familiarize yourself with the [Subject Catalog](#) to check prerequisites before indicating your preferred Learning Circle(s) on the application.
- Students applying for admission to the Postgraduate International Business Learning Circle must have an undergraduate background in Business.

Admission Decisions

- Decisions are made when completed applications and supporting documentation are received and evaluated by our admission committee.
- Conditional offers can be made when all items in Phase 1 have been submitted and evaluated.
- Definitive offers can be made when all items in Phase 2 have been submitted and evaluated.
- Offers, whether conditional or definitive, are contingent on availability of space and are on a first-qualified, first-enrolled basis.

Application Deadlines

Admission decisions to our program are made as application files are completed. Applications will be reviewed up to 30 days prior to the start of a voyage; however, accepted students who apply for admission to a particular voyage that has reached capacity will be placed on a waiting list for that voyage and will be given an admission offer that may be applied to a future voyage. Preference will be given to those who apply by the 31 October

Application Instructions

priority deadline for January voyages and by the 30 April priority deadline for September voyages.

Apply in Four Simple Steps

1. Complete Application: [Online>](#) or [Print>](#)
2. [Email>](#) or [fax to Regional Office>](#) your academic transcript
3. Submit essay (see Application for instructions)
4. [Pay application fee>](#) (50USD)

You Should Know...

We can evaluate your application as soon as we receive it along with a copy of your unofficial academic transcript, essay and application fee. If you meet our academic requirements for admission, we can issue you a conditional offer in as quickly as seven days.

Phase 1 – Requirements for Conditional Review:

- Completed application for admission
- Unofficial academic transcript (copy by fax, email or post)
- Essay
- Application fee of 50USD

Once we have received all four items noted above, we will review your application for a conditional acceptance. If an offer for admission is extended to you, there is then a 30-day period in which you need to complete Phase 2 below.

Phase 2 – Additional Requirements for Definitive Review:

- Official academic transcript(s) (sealed, original by post; translated to English if necessary)
- [Completed Academic Reference form>](#)
- [Completed Academic and Disciplinary Status form>](#)
- Evidence of English-language proficiency (if English is not your first language)

Correspondence

Application and required documents:

Send all documents and correspondence to your [Regional Office>](#).

All payments (*made payable to The Scholar Ship*), including fees and deposits:

Student Accounts Department
The Scholar Ship
841 East Fort Avenue, # 238
Baltimore, MD 21230-5117
USA
Telephone: +1 410.962.7344 x27
Fax: +1 410.963.7399

Acceptance and Enrollment

- **Conditional offers** are made with minimal documentation so students can be provided with an admission decision as quickly as possible. Once a conditional offer is made, students must submit all items listed above in Phase 2 within 30 days of offer. If offer is not accepted within 30 days, application will be moved to inactive status and kept on file for reactivation within one year.
- **Definitive offers** are considered an official acceptance. A notification of a definitive offer will come via email to be followed by an official letter by post. Once a definitive offer is made, students must remit a deposit of 2,000 USD and also the signed acceptance within 30 days of offer by email notification to reserve a space in the program.
- **Acceptance packages** are sent to students via email. Packages contain information regarding acceptance procedure, deposit, payment, refund policy and more.

Visas

The number of visas required to study aboard The Scholar Ship will vary according to a student's country of citizenship. Considering that each student will be recognized by issuing authorities as part of a group on a short-term visit, obtaining the tourist visas necessary is unlikely to be an obstacle to a student's enrollment in The Scholar Ship program.

We are collaborating with each host country to facilitate the visa procurement process for our students. In certain cases, we have negotiated a streamlined procedure for obtaining visas upon arrival to port. In other cases, visas will be processed centrally on behalf of all program participants, thus reducing the need for students to obtain visas on their own.

Information on specific procedures will be posted on each student's Compass Page, accessed via our website, to assist them in obtaining necessary visas. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain all necessary visas prior to joining the voyage. If you do not, there is the distinct likelihood that at best you would not be allowed to participate in port activities (by remaining on the ship in specific ports), or at worst be required to leave the ship at a port prior to specific waters.

For specific questions regarding visas, email VisaSupport@TheScholarShip.com.

Transfer Credit

Students are responsible for facilitating transfer of academic credit to their home institutions. Students are strongly encouraged to consult an appropriate university administrator at their home institution to confirm that these credits may be counted toward their degrees. The Scholar Ship staff is always available for consultation and to provide additional information to students' home institutions. See [Tips for Obtaining Transfer of Credit](#).

An official transcript of all studies completed during The Scholar Ship program will be issued by Macquarie University. Each subject is worth a specified number of credit points in the Macquarie University system. Most subjects (units) at Macquarie are valued at either 3 or 4 credit points, which is equal to 12 to 16 hours of study per subject per week, including class attendance, private study, library research, etc. Undergraduate students may enroll in a maximum of 14 credit points. Postgraduates may enroll in a maximum of 16 credit points.

Twelve Macquarie credit points are equivalent to 30 ECTS (European Credit Transfer Scheme). The average 3 credit-point subject, then, is equivalent to 7.5 ECTS; a 4 credit-point subject is worth 10 ECTS.