As we prepare for the September application deadline for the Schwarzman Scholars program, I want to make sure everyone has the following information and resources:

1. **UI Campus Support Deadline: August 9, 2017**

2. **Final Deadline information: September 28, 2017** - Because online application portals can and do malfunction, I encourage writers to upload their letters into the system by **5 PM on Tuesday, September 27, 2017**, but letters MUST be in the application system by **11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)**. If you are waiting for feedback on a Rhodes or Marshall letter, I will still be operating on the established timeline and will return my comments to you by September 21. Thank you for your patience.

3. **Sample text from the electronic invitation for recommenders - If you have not received this message yet, please let your applicant know.**

4. The **text of the recommendation guidance** shared with the applicants in the general application instructions is also included below. Since the directions for recommendations are less detailed than what other foundations typically share with writers, I've collected what is currently available about recommendations for students and included it.

5. For more information about the **mission and focus of the program**: [http://schwarzmanscholars.org/](http://schwarzmanscholars.org/)

6. **Address Information:**
   Schwarzman Scholars Program  
   641 Lexington Avenue, 23rd Floor  
   New York, NY 10022

   **Suggested salutation:**
   To the 2018 Schwarzman Scholars Program selectors:

   Kelly Thornburg, **Director of Scholar Development**  
   431 Blank Honors Center, Iowa City, IA 52245  |  319-335-1874  
   kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu  |  honors.uiowa.edu/uiugfellowships

**Image of the direction given to applicants:**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Please register four recommenders using their names and email addresses. Recommenders should know you well and be able to speak to your intellectual abilities and personal characteristics as well as leadership potential. Family members or relatives cannot be selected as recommenders. Please see the recommendation section of the application for more detailed instructions.
Text of recent (may differ from the one you eventually receive) Electronic Invitation to submit a recommendation:

Dear Kelly Thornburg,

Applicant A has listed you as a reference for this year’s Schwarzman Scholars selection process.

Designed to prepare the next generation of global leaders, Schwarzman Scholars is the first scholarship created to respond to the evolving geopolitical landscape of the 21st Century. Whether in politics, business, civil society, or science, the success of future leaders around the world will depend upon an understanding of China’s role in global trends.

The Schwarzman program will give the world’s most promising young leaders the opportunity to develop their leadership skills through a one-year Master’s Degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing – one of China’s most prestigious universities. Students will live and study together on the campus of Schwarzman College, where all classes will be taught in English. Students will pursue degrees in one of three disciplines: Economics and Business; International Studies; or Public Policy. Students will spend a year immersed in an international community of thinkers, innovators and senior leaders in business, politics and society.

Schwarzman Scholars will be selected on the basis of not only their academic aptitude and intellectual ability, but also their leadership potential, ability to anticipate trends and paradigm changes, exemplary character, and desire to understand other cultures, perspectives and positions.

To provide a recommendation or complete the Institutional Assessment Form, follow the link below.

SAMPLE LINK – DO NOT USE!!
https://schwarzmanTsinghua.hobsonsradius.com/ssc/rform/G0A71w87A86G0x67020IO.ssc

Sincerely,
Schwarzman Scholars