

## **C/T Research Academy Frequently Asked Questions**

- Q: Can I apply if I am not yet at Harvard, but expect to be by the time the program begins?  
A: If you are able to provide an endorsement letter from a department chair or division chief in a Harvard-affiliated institution, you are eligible to apply.
- Q: I am not an American citizen. Can I apply if I have a visa?  
A: Yes, you may apply. However, participation in years 3 and 4 may require permanent resident or U.S. citizenship status.
- Q: Is there any cost for participation in the C/T Research Academy?  
A: No, all costs are covered by Harvard Catalyst.
- Q: Is there a salary or stipend available?  
A: Participants in the first two years are required to have salary support from their divisions/departments. For those participants who are invited to continue in the program in years 3 and 4, partial salary support may be available.
- Q: What is the time commitment?  
A: Anticipate dedicating at least 75 percent of your time for research and program-related activities. The initial summer program is a full-time commitment for four weeks.
- Q: How detailed does my research project need to be?  
A: You should provide, at minimum, a concept description of the research you plan to pursue. Proposals that are more focused will likely be viewed more favorably.
- Q: When will classes meet?  
A: You will be in class full-time during a four-week summer program starting in early July (Monday through Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm). There will be a late afternoon seminar during the fall/spring, and at least one to two other required courses. Several elective courses are also available. Most fall/spring semester courses require about two hours in-class time per week.
- Q: Does enrollment in the program allow me to take other HMS/HCSPPH courses?  
A: Not at this time. Since participants are not enrolled as HMS students, they cannot cross-register into accredited courses at Harvard. However, they may enroll separately in HMS/HCSPPH courses with payment of tuition, or participate in other Harvard Catalyst courses tuition-free.