Introduction to Translational Medicine

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Course Description
Introduction to Translational Medicine is an introduction to the principles and practices of translational medicine as they apply to the development of a new drug (small molecules and/or biologics), device, or diagnostic. Course themes include: preclinical discovery, academic/industrial relationships in drug development, conflict of interest, the regulatory process and environment in drug (small molecules and/or biologics), device, and biomarker development, leadership and team dynamics in research, ethics of human research, career development and options for a translational researcher.

Target Audience
MD, DMD, PharmD, DNP, PhD, or equivalent with involvement in basic or clinical research

Applicant Deadline: August 21, 2015
Endorsement Deadline: August 28, 2015

Notification Date: September 18, 2015

Course participants will be selected based upon: (1) completed application and supervisor endorsement and (2) appropriate background and expectations as described in statement of intent.

Harvard Catalyst's Education Program offers first priority to applicants who are current Harvard students, faculty, or current employees of Harvard University, its ten schools, and its seventeen Academic Healthcare Centers (AHC), or that of Boston College School of Nursing, MIT, or Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. A complete list of participating institutions can be found on the Harvard Catalyst website: http://catalyst.harvard.edu/about/.

The next level of priority is awarded to members of the national Clinical Translational Science Award (CTSA) consortium. A complete list of participating institutions (CTSCs) can be found on the CTSA website: https://www.ctsacentral.org/institutions

Applicants who are external to the groups listed above are accepted for a fee when space is available.

The expectation is that by accepting a seat in one of the Education Program courses, the participant is agreeing to attend the entirety of the course. As part of the application process, a supervisor’s endorsement for course attendance, granting the applicant permission to be away from the lab or clinical duties for the duration of the course, will be automatically generated. If a participant must be absent for any portion of the course, it is the participant’s responsibility to notify course coordinators, since attendance is taken at all sessions. If the participant cannot be reached, the coordinators will then be obliged to notify the endorsing supervisor of the
unexplained absence. Since the Education Program courses are expensive to produce, but are offered to Harvard and CTSC affiliates free-of-charge, including meals and Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits, the only obligation of participants is fully to attend and participate.

Please also note that participants seeking CME credits must attend all course sessions and complete each daily evaluation. No partial CME credits are offered.

If you have any questions about the course or information above, please don’t hesitate to ask. The course coordinators can be reached at ittmcourse@catalyst.harvard.edu.