Models of Disease (MoD) Boot Camp

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

**Brief description of course:** This popular three-week course is offered annually, and consists of a variety of group activities that include interactive lectures presented by leading faculty on their recent discoveries, reviews of topical updates in biomedical science by leaders in academia, and panel discussions on topics ranging from academic-industry interactions to strategies for translation to team science. Fellows enrolled in the course have the opportunity to lead discussions on key papers, participate in a mock study section, attend sessions with department chairs to discuss job-negotiating strategies, and take part in career workshops with senior research fellows and junior faculty. Graduates of previous camps have uniformly shared enthusiastic reviews about their experiences.

**Who is the target audience?:** Current Harvard teaching hospital-based clinical trainees with substantive prior basic/translational research experience who plan to continue basic or translational projects in their postdoctoral research fellowships in 2015.

**Date applications are due for applicants:** 5/14/2015 at 5pm
**Endorsements Due:** 5/20/2015 at 5pm

**Date by which will be notified:** 5/21/2015

**Selection process and criteria:**
Successful MoD applicants will have had substantive prior basic research experience and plan to continue basic or translational projects in their research fellowship. Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted. Space is limited, and once the course is filled with qualified applicants, enrollment will be closed. Interested students are advised to submit their applications as soon as possible.

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/](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](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, the only obligation of participants is fully to attend and participate.

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