Clinical and Translational Scientist Certificate Program (CTSCP)
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is there a salary or stipend available with the CTSCP?
A: No, there is no salary or stipend.

Q: What is the time commitment?
A: Anticipate at least 50% for research and program-related activities. Summer program is full-time.

Q: Am I eligible 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: Is there any cost for participation in the CTSCP?
A: No, all costs are covered by Harvard Catalyst.

Q: I am not an American citizen. Can I apply if I have a visa?
A: Yes, you may apply.

Q: Can I apply to both the CTSCP and the MPCTI?
A: Yes. Although the MPCTI application is due prior to the CTSCP application, you may apply to both.

Q: How detailed does my research project need to be?
A: Provide at least a concept description of the research you plan to pursue. Proposals that are more focused likely will be viewed more favorably.

Q: When will classes meet?
A: You will be in class full-time in summer (July 6 – July 31, 2015, Monday through Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm), and there will be a late afternoon seminar during the fall/spring.

Q: Does the program allow me to take other HMS/HSPH courses?
A: Since participants in the CTSCP are not enrolled as students, they cannot cross-register into accredited courses at Harvard; however, they may participate in other Catalyst courses tuition-free.