Clinical Trial Design (CTD)
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Brief description: The Clinical Trial Design (CTD) hybrid course will focus on the theory and practice of clinical trials. As part of this course, participants will plan and develop a clinical trial proposal with the help of biostatistical and IRB consultations, as well as online didactic lectures and peer feedback. At the conclusion of this intensive 8-week hybrid course, each participant will leave with a complete protocol design and template.

Who is the target audience: Fellows and junior faculty new to the clinical and translational research field with a question they would like to develop into a protocol.

Date applications are due for applicants and endorsers: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 (applicants) and Friday, March 18, 2016 (endorsers)

Date by which applicants will be notified: Monday, March 28, 2016

Selection process and criteria: Applicants are required at minimum to have an MD, PhD, DMD, DNP or equivalent degree and have an idea they would like to develop into a protocol. Additionally, applicants must be members of a Harvard or Harvard-affiliated institution or within the CTSA consortium. Lastly, applicants must commit to attending the five in-person course meetings and be endorsed by their immediate supervisor.

- May 4, 2016, 12pm-1pm
- May 18, 2016, 8:30am-12pm
- June 1, 2016, 8:30am-12pm
- June 15, 2016, 8:30am-12pm
- June 29, 2016, 8:30am-12pm

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 CTD@catalyst.harvard.edu.