

Models of Disease (MoD) Boot Camp

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Brief description of course: This popular three-week course is designed for clinical fellows who are making the challenging transition back to the lab following completion of their clinical training and are now starting basic or translational research fellowships. The Models of Disease Boot Camp is offered annually in July, and meets five weekday mornings each week. The course consists of a variety of group activities that include interactive lectures presented by leading HMS faculty on their recent discoveries and their career paths; 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 to work-life balance. Fellows enrolled in the course have the opportunity to lead discussions on key papers, participate in sessions with department chairs to discuss job-negotiating strategies, and take part in career workshops and networking opportunities with senior research fellows and junior faculty. Graduates of previous camps have uniformly provided enthusiastic reviews about their experiences. The course meets on weekday mornings at Harvard Medical School from July 6th-July 24th. There is no tuition charge; all meals (very tasty!) are provided.

Who is the target audience?: Current Harvard teaching hospital-based clinical trainees with substantive prior basic/translational research experience who are completing their clinical training and are planning to pursue basic or translational projects in their postdoctoral research fellowships in 2020.

Date applications are due for applicants: 5/8/2020 at 5pm

Endorsements Due: 5/15/2020 at 5pm

Date by which applicants will be notified: 5/18/2020

Course Dates: weekday mornings from July 6-24, 2020

Selection process and criteria:

A brief application form can be completed at catalyst.harvard.edu/services/modbootcamp/. Successful MoD applicants will have had substantive prior basic research experience and plan to pursue basic or translational projects in their postdoctoral 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 fellows are advised to submit their applications as soon as possible.

The expectation is that the participants in the Model of Disease Boot Camp will attend the entirety of the course. Exceptions can be granted for students who plan to take other professional development courses that partially overlap with the Models of Disease Boot Camp (for example, the AACR Molecular Biology summer course). As part of the application process, the fellow's clinical fellowship director and the research mentor will be requested to grant the applicant permission to be away from the lab and to be excused from clinical duties for the duration of the course.

If you have any questions about the course or information above, please don't hesitate to ask. The course coordinator can be reached at Frances_Sullivan@hms.harvard.edu. Thomas Michel can be reached at thomas_michel@hms.harvard.edu.