

C/T Research Academy Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I apply 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: I am not an American citizen. Can I apply if I have a visa?

A: Yes, you may apply.

Q: Is there any cost for participation in the C/T Research Academy?

A: No, all costs are covered by Harvard Catalyst.

Q: Is there a salary or stipend available?

A: No. Participants are required to have salary support from their divisions/departments.

Q: What is the time commitment?

A: Anticipate dedicating at least 75 percent of your time for research and program-related activities. The initial summer program is a full-time commitment for four weeks.

Q: How detailed does my research project need to be?

A: You should provide, at minimum, a concept description of the research you plan to pursue. Proposals that are more focused will likely be viewed more favorably.

Q: When will classes meet?

A: You will be in class full-time during a four-week summer program in July 2021 (Monday through Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm). There will be a late afternoon seminar during the fall/spring, and at least one to two other required courses. Several elective courses are also available. Most fall/spring semester courses require about two hours in-class time per week.

Q: Does enrollment in the program allow me to take other HMS/HCSPPH courses?

A: Not at this time. Since participants are not enrolled as HMS students, they cannot cross-register into accredited courses at Harvard. However, they may enroll separately in HMS/HCSPPH courses with payment of tuition or participate in other Harvard Catalyst courses tuition-free.