

# Models of Disease (MoD) Boot Camp 2023

## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

**Brief description of course:** For more than a decade, this popular annual three-week course has been offered to 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 postdoctoral research fellowships. The Models of Disease Boot Camp takes place once a year in July, and consists of a variety of group activities that include interactive lectures presented by leading HMS 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 to work-life balance to career strategies. 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 shared enthusiastic reviews about their experiences. The course meets via Zoom on weekday mornings into the early afternoon from Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There is no tuition charge. The course sessions will be held in person at HMS.

**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 continue basic or translational projects in their postdoctoral research fellowships in 2023.

**Applications open:** Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Date applications are due for applicants:** Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by 5PM ET

**Endorsements Due:** Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by 5PM ET

**Date by which applicants will be notified:** Friday, June 2<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Course Dates:** weekday mornings from Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **Selection process and criteria:**

A brief application form can be completed at <https://catalyst.harvard.edu/courses/modbootcamp/>. Successful MoD applicants will have had substantive prior basic research experience and plan to pursue 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 fellows are advised to submit their applications as soon as possible.

The expectation is that by accepting a seat in the Model of Disease Boot Camp, the participant is agreeing to attend the entirety of the 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 or clinical duties for the duration of the course. If a participant must be absent for any portion of the course, it is the participant's responsibility to notify the course director.

If you have any questions about the course or information above, please don't hesitate to ask. The course coordinator can be reached at [katie\\_rumizen@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:katie_rumizen@hms.harvard.edu). The course director, Thomas Michel, can be reached at [thomas\\_michel@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:thomas_michel@hms.harvard.edu).