Program Overview

The Introduction to Clinical Research Training–Japan program provides students with a strong foundation in designing, conducting and implementing clinical research studies—from developing research questions and testing hypotheses to interpreting and communicating research results to writing organized manuscripts and delivering engaging presentations.

The program’s skills-based, peer-to-peer blended-learning approach covers topics during the intensive six-month curriculum including epidemiology, biostatistics, Stata programming, and study design, as well as ethical issues, scientific communication, clinical trials and research leadership concepts.

Program Objectives

The overarching goal of the Introduction to Clinical Research Training–Japan program is to equip the next generation of researchers with the essential skills to become independent clinical research investigators and to assume leadership and mentorship positions throughout their academic careers.

By attending the Introduction to Clinical Research Training–Japan program, you will enhance your ability to:

- Apply the core concepts of biostatistics and epidemiology
- Develop research questions and formulate testable hypotheses
- Design, implement and present a clinical research study
- Write an organized and structured manuscript
- Critically evaluate the research findings in medical literature
- Synthesize essential statistical analyses using Stata software
- Evaluate the ethical principles relevant to clinical research

Program Structure

Scholars have the ability to learn at their own pace. Following Harvard Medical School guidelines, the start of this program will commence as a live virtual workshop. Our current plan is to hold the second workshop in-person as originally scheduled. We will share updates as new information becomes available. The program consists of:

- Two, three-day workshops
- 10 interactive monthly webinars and over 45 prerecorded online lectures
- 24/7 access to program faculty throughout the year for guidance and support
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“The Introduction to Clinical Research Training–Japan program’s workshops, online lectures and webinars on biostatistics and epidemiology are terrific, though the program excels during the team assignments and peer-based learning. The program’s focus on presentation skills and collaboration would benefit researchers at any stage in their careers.”

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