Carroll School of Management
Summer Management Catalyst Program
Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply?
The online application is available from January 11 through March 15, 2016, at www.bc.edu/catalyst. There is a $50 non-refundable application fee payable online.

What are the prerequisites to apply?
Applicants must have taken at least one course or received Advanced Placement credit in math. Preference will be given to students who have had a course in statistics and microeconomics. Candidates will be evaluated based on academic standing and extracurricular activities.

Can I apply even if I’m a current freshman or a graduating senior?
Preference will be given to current sophomores, juniors, and seniors (rising juniors, seniors, and graduating seniors). If space is available and the math prerequisite is satisfied, we will consider applications from current freshmen.

When is the program?
The program will run from May 24 to July 30, 2016.

What topics are covered in the program?
Participants in the Catalyst Program will take three full courses—Portico (an introduction to ethics and business, Visit www.bc.edu/portico for more information), accounting, and finance—an Excel module, and five mini-courses in management, operations, marketing, law, and strategy. Students will also attend sessions on career strategies and professional development, and have the opportunity to network with recruiters from a variety of companies and organizations. All courses will be taught by the same outstanding faculty who teach in the Carroll School of Management.

Do I have to live on-campus throughout the program?
Living on campus is not required but highly recommended if you are not within commuting distance of the campus. Programming events and classes will take place throughout the day including some evenings. All participants are required to attend all the sessions.

Can I work while I participate in the program?
No. The program is full-time and classes and special programmatic modules and sessions will run most every day. In addition, regular assignments and team projects will necessitate frequent out-of-class work.

What is the total program cost?
The cost of the program is $11,350, and includes all course materials. Room and board are extra. Housing at a Boston College dormitory is available over the 10-week period and is estimated to cost $1,500 for the duration of the program. Payment will be due in full on May 15, 2016.

Do you offer financial aid?
A limited number of need-based scholarships are available. Applicants must apply by February 15, 2016, to be considered for financial aid.

Do I receive academic credit for the program?
Yes and no. Similar to Advanced Placement and summer classes taken for enrichment, credits from the program will not count toward your GPA and graduation requirements. However, academic courses taken in the program will appear on your transcript and receive grades. They may also be used to waive out of core business course requirements in the Carroll School for purposes of taking higher-level management courses. Individual colleges may also accept some of the credits if the student has a deficiency. Please consult your academic advisor.

Additional questions? Check out www.bc.edu/catalyst or email summer.catalyst@bc.edu.