Carroll School of Management  
Summer Management Catalyst Program  
Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply?
The online application is available now through March 15, 2017, 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 math course at Boston College or received Advanced Placement credit in math. Preference will be given to students who have had a course in statistics and/or microeconomics. Candidates will be evaluated based on academic standing and extracurricular activities.

Who can apply? 
The program is ideally suited for rising sophomores and juniors, who will have more time to take additional upper-level business courses and secure an internship in the summer(s) to follow; however, rising seniors and graduating seniors are welcome to apply.

When is the program? 
The program will run from May 23 to July 29, 2017.

What topics are covered in the program? 
Participants in the Catalyst Program take four full courses—Portico (an introduction to ethics and business (visit www.bc.edu/portico for more information), accounting, finance, and Excel—and five mini-courses in management, operations, analytics, marketing, law, and strategy. Students will also participate in a career strategy module to develop skills related to resume and cover letter writing, interviewing, and networking. All courses are taught entirely by Carroll School faculty.

Where could I live throughout the program? 
Past students report that it is easiest to live either on or within walking distance of campus as program events and classes take place throughout the day, including some evenings. Past students who have rented apartments within walking distance of campus report that it is more convenient to live close by, as bus service is limited during the summer months.

Can I work while I participate in the program? 
No. The program is full-time and classes and related programs require students to be available most every day. In addition, class assignments and team projects will necessitate frequent out-of-class work.

What is the total program cost? 
The cost of the program is $11,800, and includes all course materials. Room and board are additional. 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, 2017.

Is financial aid available? 
A limited number of need-based scholarships are available. To apply, applicants must apply for the Catalyst program and check that they are interested in Financial Aid on the application by February 15. Please note, aid eligibility is determined by Boston College’s Office of 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 Catalyst will not count toward your GPA or graduation requirements. However, academic courses and the grades received in the program will appear on your transcript.

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