



## **POSITION AVAILABLE: MEDICAL MANDARIN INSTRUCTOR AT HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL**

The HMS Office of Scholarly Engagement is seeking a native Mandarin-speaking physician to teach Intermediate Medical Mandarin to 1<sup>st</sup> year HMS students during the spring 2021 semester.

Intermediate Medical Mandarin is part of the [HMS Medical Language Program](#), a collection of language electives to enhance language skills in clinical encounters. The objectives of the language courses are 1) to enable students to conduct a history and physical examination of a patient in the target language, 2) to present those findings to other clinicians, and 3) to familiarize students with health equity and cultural humility in caring for patients who speak the target language. Students in the Intermediate Medical Mandarin course will have future opportunities to practice their speaking skills abroad at clinical elective training sites in Beijing and Taiwan.

### **Course logistics:**

- Held for 13 sessions, between January 25 and May 6, 2021.
- Held on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday starting at or after 5pm (instructor's choice)
- 90 minutes per session
- No class during HMS-observed holidays, break weeks, and professional development weeks

### **Instructor responsibilities:**

- Lead weekly instruction of approx. 15 language students
- Prepare materials for student access in Canvas prior to class sessions
- Working with the Program faculty director, align the language course content with the HMS 1st year MD/DMD curriculum.
- Attend post-semester debrief group faculty meeting

A syllabus, curriculum guide, course schedule, and teaching material will be available for the new instructor. The course focuses on oral speaking skills. Guest speakers may be invited to cover specific medical topics at various times in the semester. We are looking for a gifted individual who can combine grammar, medical language training, and cultural humility instruction to exceptional students who have a quick capacity to learn spoken Mandarin.

The ideal candidate has demonstrated excellence in teaching medical students, the ability to teach a range of proficiency levels of Mandarin, and familiarity with patient care in the U.S. Applicants are preferred, but not required, to have earned an MD degree. The position is awarded a \$1,250 stipend; payment is coordinated through the instructor's HMS-affiliated department.

Applicants should submit their CV or resume and a cover letter describing their teaching philosophy, motivation to teach Intermediate Medical Mandarin, experience teaching medical students, and experience with patient care in the US to Jasmine Stecker, Medical Language Program Coordinator in the HMS Office of Scholarly Engagement – [jasmine\\_stecker@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:jasmine_stecker@hms.harvard.edu). **Applications are accepted until the position is filled. Please aim to submit your application by Friday, December 11th, 2020. We will start interviewing shortly after that date.**