

## SD Summer School FAQ

### **1. Where should I stay?**

We do not have a hotel room block or discounted rate for either of these events, so you are responsible for finding accommodations that will suit your needs and budget. We have compiled a list of suggested accommodations to stay which are all accessible via public transportation to MIT – please see the [attached PDF](#) for more information.

### **2. I am happy to be a recipient of the scholarship for the summer school! Now what?**

Follow the instructions from the email you were sent. If you have any issues, please contact us at [summerschool@systemdynamics.org](mailto:summerschool@systemdynamics.org).

### **3. Can the summer school scholarship I was awarded also cover attending ISDC?**

Summer school and ISDC are separate events – your scholarship only covers summer school (\$450 for the registration fee, plus up to a maximum of \$1550 for travel - not to exceed \$2000 total).

**Please note:** Scholarship recipients are responsible for registering and booking your own travel in advance. You will need to show the scholarship committee **original, itemized receipts** for expenses (travel, lodging, etc.) in order to receive reimbursement.

### **4. Should I sign up for the Introductory or Advanced Track?**

If you are new to system dynamics, then the introductory track is for you. If you already have some background, including work with simulation models, then the advanced track is probably best. But don't worry: the program for the first day of the summer school is a plenary for all and we will have a chance to talk with you and make a decision about which track is best for you.

### **5. Should we anticipate using Vensim PLE or the professional version?**

From the Summer School [website](#):

“We will be offering both an introductory course, appropriate for those with no System Dynamics experience, and an advanced modeling course. The advanced course presumes familiarity with Vensim and the basic elements of System Dynamics model formulation and analysis.”

### **6. Can I share a room with someone who has been awarded accommodations through their SDS scholarship to attend ISDC?**

You can stay wherever best suits your personal budget and needs. If you know someone who has been awarded accommodations, and feel comfortable asking, it is up to you to coordinate sharing. This same advice goes for rooming with any other person attending the either conference and/or the summer school in general.