

Program FAQs

1. When will the executive program take place? The course will begin January 10, 2022 and be held over the course of two weeks. We will share an agenda in advance.

2. What is the format of the program? It will be held entirely virtually over Zoom and will begin with an onboarding session to share requirements and expectations for the program. The program itself will include live faculty sessions, group work sessions with and without a teaching fellow, independent readings and assignments, and group presentations.

3. What are the time requirements? Over the course of the program, sessions will range from 2-4 hours a day beginning in the morning at 7:30 or 8 am EST. Live sessions with Harvard teaching staff will take place 4-5 days each week, sometimes with group sessions before live lectures. About 2-4 hours per week will be needed for assignments outside of the live class sessions.

4. Will there be homework? The main work component of the program will be a group project solving a design or policy challenge, culminating in final presentation. The course program will also require independent completion of light readings, one or two discussion posts, and individual components of the group assignments.

5. Will I receive a certificate upon completion of the course? Yes, from Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education, signed by the Faculty Chair.

6. Who will teach the program? The program will be primarily taught by Harvard University faculty, but may include guest lecturers from other universities who are experts on the topics. Group sections will be led by a Harvard Teaching Fellow. Program support will be provided by Executive Education and Evidence for Policy Design staff members.

7. How can I attend? Program staff will send zoom meeting links and final course logistics information prior to the beginning of sessions. A computer or laptop is required to participate, since the format and participation requirements make attending from a mobile phone difficult. Again, there will be a program orientation about a week before the program start day to review final logistics details.

8. Are there any prerequisites? No, there aren't any prerequisites to attend, although all attendees should have a strong grasp of their organizations mission, challenges, and goals for migrant financial inclusion.

9. What topics will the program cover? The program topics will include financial inclusion, migration and migrant labor, impact evaluation, digital financial services, financial regulation and policy, as well as the Smart Policy Design and Implementation framework for policy and product innovation.

10. **How much is the Executive Education program fee for the online program?** The cost of the online program will be fully covered by UNCDF.