

Surgeons' Day - June 20, 2025

***Sharpest Knife* LIVE Grant Competition**

Application Procedure:

1. All proposals must meet the criteria listed below and be submitted in the format outlined below.
2. Project application to be submitted as a single PDF file.
3. Selected applicants will "PITCH" their project in the LIVE grant session at Surgeons' Day, with the winner receiving a \$10,000 grant
4. One award will be made available to a maximum of \$10,000.
5. Please ensure your Section Chief is aware of the proposal.
6. Email complete application to: osr@ucalgary.ca
7. **Project Application deadline: May 31, 2025**

Project Application:

Formatting: Font: No smaller than Calibri 10. Top and bottom margins are set at 2" and side margins are set at 1.6".

The abstract must be a maximum of 1 page, and include:

1. Name of Project
2. Investigator, Co-Investigator(s) (Primary appointment must be with the Department of Surgery)
3. Objective
4. Background
5. Methods
6. Budget
7. Impact/Anticipated Impact

Award Criteria :

1. Principal Investigator's primary appointment must be with the Department of Surgery
2. Impact and entertainment value of the PITCH
3. Feasibility of proposal
4. Relevance and potential impact
5. Team strengths

The Pitch:

1. This is a LIVE grant competition – with a 'Shark Tank' format. You will have 5 minutes to present/pitch your project to the Judges (Sharks) and audience, followed by 5 minutes for questions.
2. Be creative with your pitch! No need to use PowerPoint (if so, max 5 slides!)
- You may do a demonstration, engage the 'Sharks', involve the audience. You may present alone or with your team.