

Surgeons' Day - June 19, 2026

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: June 7, 2026**

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.