

## Translational Immuno-Oncology Research Group (TIORG)

### Shark Tank Team Competition

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize - up to \$1,000\*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - up to \$500\*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – up to \$250\***

*\*pls see eligibility requirements listed below for reimbursement\**



***“If funding and resources were unlimited in London, what is your pie-in-the-sky Immuno-Oncology research idea?”***

**Be prepared to present idea, methodology, research equipment needed (if not already available to you) and expected outcomes and potential impacts.**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE:** Encourage collaboration between TIORG members and trainees at the annual retreat by creating Shark Tank Type Competition.

**TEAMS:** No limit to size of **Western Affiliated** teams but membership must consist of **at least** One Basic Scientist **and/or** One Clinician **and** One or More research or clinical trainees who study in the field of Tumor Immunology, Immuno-Imaging, or Immunotherapy. Current project abstracts will not be accepted. Submitted abstracts are not required to be limited to one lab but should leverage on expertise across TIORG. The Basic Scientist and/or Clinician team member **must be** a member of TIORG. Full list of members located [here](#).

**REQUIREMENTS:** Teams to form and submit an abstract proposal (**less than 500 words – Calibri 11pt, pdf**) by Monday October 16, 4pm EST to [Kimberly.Scott@lhsc.on.ca](mailto:Kimberly.Scott@lhsc.on.ca)

#### **Template**

**Title:**

**Team Members:** Trainee, Other Trainees, and Basic Scientist/Clinicians<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Affiliations, <sup>2</sup>Affiliations

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**Introduction:**

**Methodology:**

**Expected Outcomes:**

**Potential Impact:**

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:** Committee consisting of TIORG co-leads Saman Maleki PhD, John Ronald PhD and Dr. Zihai Li, MD PhD (or an alternate member) to review proposals on **Tuesday October 17**. All teams to be notified of results on **Wednesday October 18**. Team to present their project at the **Wednesday October 25** Retreat (Bellamere Winery & Event Centre).

**PRESENTATIONS:** Each team will have 20 mins (total) to present. Please include 5 mins for Q & A. Laptop (Android), Projector, Slide Advancer, Microphone, and Podium to be provided. **WIFI is not available at Bellamere Winery so best to bring presentation on USB or submit to organizer ahead of time.**

**REVIEW PANEL and PRIZES:** Each presentation to be evaluated by three (3) judges based on:

- Is the project worthy of the \$1,000 (First Prize), \$500 (Second Prize), or \$250, (Third Prize)?
- Originality of project and overall presentation style
- Did the speaker introduce the problem/project well?
- Is the project feasible and does it have the ability to come to fruition?
- Did the presentation show an overarching need/goals for project?
- Did the speaker give you an idea of the approach to meet their projects needs/goals?
- Did the speaker's conclusions appear appropriate and feasible?

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**\*Full credit to be given to team members if any portion of project is moved forward\***

**\*ELIGIBLE use of funds:**

- Activities that will support future success in external granting competitions, including collaborative research
- Securing future research partnerships
- Staff/HQP support
- Faculty alternative workload arrangements (requires documentation from Department/Faculty)
- Knowledge exchange (seminars, workshops, etc.)
- Minor equipment to support IDI activities. Any equipment purchased with grant funds becomes property of The University of Western Ontario.