**Surgical Dragon’s Session 2020**

**Dr. Robert Zhong Department of Surgery Research Day – Call for Surgical Dragon’s Den Research Pitches**

**General Information**

The Dr. Robert Zhong Department of Surgery Research Day will be held on **Friday, June 19, 2020** at King’s University College, London. **The day will once again include a Surgical Dragon’s Den session and winners will be chosen by real time audience voting.** This year there will also be a resident category!

One faculty winner will be selected in each of the four research node areas and in addition one resident research pitch will be selected. Each winner will receive a $4000 research grant towards their research idea.

**Submissions are Open to:**

- Department of Surgery Clinical Academics
- Department of Surgery Residents

**Competition Areas:**

1. **Surgical Resident Award** (can be research in any node area)
2. **Big Data/ICES** (examples: Population based outcome research, Health Services Planning & Evaluation, NSQIP etc.)
3. **Fundamental Sciences & Surgical Innovation** (examples: Basic science laboratory or engineering work through proof of concept in animal studies, human pilot studies, other innovations, therapies, surgical samples for basic science descriptive analysis etc.)
4. **Patient Centered Research** (examples: Prospective or observational studies involving patients or involving human participants as controls in a health care setting, patient related outcome measure development, patient surveys etc.)
5. **Surgical Education** (examples: Education projects involving simulation, competency-based education, resident work hours, different teaching styles, education projects such as decision aid development, qualitative research projects etc).

**Selection**

The Department of Surgery Research Committee will adjudicate all submissions and select the pitches that will be given in each node and the resident pitches. For the faculty pitches selected each one will require the staff surgeon or a PhD collaborator on the project team to provide a three minute pitch at Research Day which will be followed by two minutes for questions from the audience. After all the pitches in a node are complete the audience will vote for the best research pitch by real-time audience voting. The pitch that receives the most votes will be the winner.

**Submission Details:**
• The deadline for submissions is Monday, March 23, 2020.
• **A minimum of three submissions must be received in a node area in order for a competition to go forward.** Projects chosen to present their pitch at Research Day will be contacted in April.
• Only ONE project pitch may be submitted per person.

Please submit your pitches at the link below:

[https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/surgery/research/research_day_dragons_den_pitch_submissions.html](https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/surgery/research/research_day_dragons_den_pitch_submissions.html)

**Contact Information:**

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Remember: The deadline to submit your abstract is Monday, March 23, 2020.