



The Bigelow

CARDIAC SURGERY RESIDENT  
RESEARCH COMPETITION

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We are excited to announce the return of the Bigelow Resident Research Competition, which will be **open to any resident currently enrolled in a Canadian cardiac surgical residency program**. This competition will be held in a live virtual format, on **Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**.

There will be two categories in which residents may submit abstracts, 1) **basic / translational** and 2) **clinical** research. Residents are encouraged to submit one abstract each, in a format that will be easy to adhere to as it generally corresponds to CCC submission guidelines.

The entry must adhere to the following specifications:

1. A cover page with the authors, title, institutional affiliations and category of abstract.
2. On a separate page, the title and body of the abstract (maximum 400 words). The abstract and title may not contain any reference to the authors or originating institution.
3. One figure, table or photograph.

4. A letter from the program director, confirming that *a)* the resident is currently enrolled in their residency training program, *b)* the majority of the work described in the abstract was performed by the resident. This letter may be submitted separately, before the meeting.
5. The title, body of the abstract and the figure, table and photograph should be submitted together as a single pdf file, but separate from the cover page and PD's letter.
6. The work may not have been previously published in manuscript form, but work that has been **previously presented as an abstract is eligible**. In addition, because presentation at the competition **will not preclude subsequent presentation** at a national/international meeting, this is an excellent forum to get constructive feedback and tune up your talk.
7. Each resident may only submit one abstract.
8. To facilitate submissions from all programs across the country, the abstract **submission deadline to Friday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Please forward the complete submission package to Julie Wei (julie.wei@uhn.ca).

The deidentified abstracts will be reviewed by a panel of faculty surgeons from across Canada. The top-ranked abstracts in each category (basic/translational and clinical) will be invited to present their work at the virtual competition, which will also feature notable faculty speaking on topics of relevance to Canadian training programs. The first-place winners in each category will receive a cash prize of **\$1500**, while the runners-up will receive a prize of **\$1000**.

We are anticipating a host of submissions that will showcase the breadth and depth of the research being performed by residents across Canadian training programs.

The meeting will be of interest to faculty surgeons, residents and fellows across the country and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be a networking session after the presentations conclude.

We anticipate that this scientific day will be an excellent way for trainees to gain additional exposure in an academic forum, obtain thoughtful and constructive advice on their research projects, and network with other residents, fellows and faculty surgeons, as well as to interact with provocative guest speakers.