DATE: December 19, 2018
TO: All Surgical Residents, MSc and PhD Students
RE: Call for Abstracts – Tom Williams Surgical Research Day

The Division of Surgical Research is now accepting abstracts for the 31st annual Tom Williams Surgical Research Day taking place Friday, May 10, 2019.

As the final event for the 2018-19 academic year, the day highlights the research activities of all graduate students and residents within the department. Awards are presented for both oral and poster presentations in each of the Basic Science and Clinical Science Research categories.

This year’s event is hosted by the Division of Cardiac Surgery. Dr Marc Ruel, Michael Pitfield Chair, Division of Cardiac Surgery, Department of Surgery, University of Ottawa, will be the Visiting Professor and Judge. The day will begin with Grand Rounds at 7:30 am.

**Deadline for the submission of abstracts is February 22, 2019.**

Abstracts are to be submitted electronically using the attached template. Complete details are outlined on the Department of Surgery website, [Abstract Submission](#). Only one abstract may be submitted per resident or graduate student, as the principal author. Applicants must be registered in the Department of Surgery as a resident or graduate student. This competition is not open to Fellows or graduate students in other departments. **Please note that those holding an academic (clinical or non-clinical) appointment may present at Tom Williams Research Day; however, they are not eligible to compete for prizes.**

Abstracts must follow these guidelines:

- Indicate that the abstract was reviewed by your supervisor
- Must be able to copy/paste from Microsoft Word
- The abstract is limited to 350 words using 12-point Times New Roman font
- Additional authors to be listed in order of authorship

Following Research Day, the Department will host its annual Surgical Awards Night at the Telus World of Science. Tickets are complimentary for those presenting their work at Research Day.

In the past, many outstanding presentations have been made at Williams Surgical Research Day. We anticipate that this year will be no exception. Thus, we would like to encourage your participation and look forward to an interesting, exciting and rewarding day.

Yours sincerely,

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