

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

# VascuPITCH

## Empowering Future Leaders in Vascular Surgery Education



### Overview

Are you a medical student, resident, or fellow with a bold idea to transform vascular surgery education?

VASCU-PITCH is a Shark Tank-style competition hosted by the Association of Program Directors in Vascular Surgery (APDVS), designed to empower the next generation of leaders in surgical education. We're looking for innovative, impactful, and collaborative proposals that advance how we teach, train, and support future vascular surgeons.

### What We're Looking For

Submit a proposal that addresses one or more of the following areas:

- Innovations in Surgical Education (this can encompass AI, simulation, curriculum, evaluation tools)
- Clinical Learning Environment
- Professional Development
- Workforce and Recruitment Initiatives

### Award

- \$10,000 to implement your project
- Opportunity to present results at the following year's VASCU-PITCH
- Support for manuscript or publication development

### Proposal Requirements

- Must be submitted using the official [VASCU-PITCH Submission Form](#)
- Must include a vascular mentor or sponsor
- Should align with educational goals and demonstrate potential impact

### Proposal Requirements (cont.)

- Vascular Mentor or sponsor should be APDVS member or associate member.

### Expectations for Finalists and Winners

- Live Proposal Pitch: Finalists will present their proposals live at the APDVS Meeting.
- Mid-Year Progress Update: Submit a report at the six-month mark detailing project status, milestones achieved, and any challenges encountered. 800 words
- Abstract Submission: Prepare and submit an abstract for presentation purposes. A full manuscript is encouraged but not required by the time of presentations. Full manuscript submission is expected within 6 months of the year presentation update. Submission should be to JVS VSI. Winner will have submission fees waived.
- One Year Update to be presented at the APDVS Annual Meeting, including:
  - Summary of project and updated outcomes
  - Detailed description of how awarded funds were used
  - Any dissemination efforts (e.g., presentations, abstracts, publications in progress)
  - Lessons learned and Next Steps

### HOW TO APPLY

1. Download and complete the [submission form](#). 

2. Submit proposals to [APDVS@vascularsociety.org](mailto:APDVS@vascularsociety.org) 

*The APDVS Research Committee would like to review any manuscripts generated and be acknowledged as a funding source.*

**DEADLINE TO APPLY**

January 15, 2026

March 6, 2026 | 8-9 a.m. | Loews Chicago O'Hare, Rosemont, IL