CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We would like to invite students, general surgery residents, vascular residents, and fellows to submit abstracts for the 13th Annual Introduction to Academic Vascular Surgery (IAVS) meeting in Tampa, FL at the Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLs), which will be held on April 18-20, 2019.

This is a continuation of a meeting first established at the University of Rochester (formerly known as the Rochester Vascular Meeting), and hosted there from 2006 - 2010. The 2 ½ day course will consist of nationally recognized faculty members presenting information regarding vascular surgery and the role of academia and research, in addition to providing instruction for endovascular procedures in the Hybrid OR Surgical Simulation Suite at CAMLS. Also the program will feature a competitive paper presentation by students and residents with peer and expert feedback following. The talks will be ranked according to content and communication style, and prizes will be awarded that evening at the course dinner.

The benefit to attendees is four-fold:

1) This is one of the few opportunities to think about and learn how the process of academic research really works;
2) The meeting gives future colleagues the chance to meet leaders in the field and get to know each other, and to help identify whether vascular surgery is the right field for them;
3) Exposure to the CAMLS facility also allows attendees to gain experience with the technical aspects of the field;
4) The chance to present their work in public, which exposes attendees to a combination of the real-life experiences and pressures in a simulated environment.

Thanks to our corporate partners, we have funding for up to 10 students, 10 categorical surgical residents, and 10 vascular trainees (0+5 and fellows). Invitation is based on a competitive abstract submission. If there is availability at the end of the competitive process, requests to attend will be considered.
We are soliciting proposals from interested students and residents. Proposals should come from those who have a potential interest in vascular surgery. Commitment to this track at this point is not necessary, just an interest. A formal research abstract or a 1-page essay about the candidate’s experience to date, and his/her exposure to vascular surgery, goals, and plans (in other words, why do you want to come to this meeting?) are acceptable formats.

Research submissions may have been published and/or presented elsewhere already (or be scheduled for presentation). The research or paper preparation must have been performed substantially within the past academic year. The applicant does not have to be the primary author, but has to have enough involvement in the project to present it effectively and defend his/her presentation.

Submission deadline is Monday, February 4, 2019. Winning submissions will be notified by Friday, February 22, 2019. Submissions should be prepared on the following pages. Submit entries by E-mail to the office listed below:

Mail: Anthony Noriega
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124 S. Franklin St.
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Email: AnthonyN@health.usf.edu
Name: ____________________________________________

Affiliation/School: ____________________________________________

☐ Student (Year: ____ )  ☐ Surgical Resident (Year: ____ )  
☐ Vascular Trainee (Year: ____ )

Address: ____________________________________________

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City                      State                      Zip

Phone:   (____) ________

Fax:     (____) ________

Email: ____________________________________________

Faculty sponsor/mentor/contact person: ______________________

Phone:   (____) ________

Do you wish to be considered for the paper competition:  ☐ YES ☐ No

If so, title of your paper: ____________________________________________
Please submit a research/paper abstract or a description of why you think attending this meeting would be of value to you. Please limit the submission to one page, single spaced. Research may have been already published and/or presented elsewhere, but should have been substantially performed or the manuscript prepared within the past year. Submissions should be sent to the address on the previous page.

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