

2026 Department of Surgery Research Day Winners



Dr. Joel Bierer

Robert Stone Travelling Fellowship

Cardiac Surgery

“High-Exchange ULTrafiltration to Enhance Recovery after Pediatric Cardiac Surgery: the ULTRA Randomized Controlled Trial”

Dr. Takhliq Amir

Best Resident Presentation

Cardiac Surgery

Size-Dependent Growth of the Ascending Aorta in a Large Contemporary Cardiac CT-Based Surveillance Cohort



Kassandra Coyle

Best Medical Student Presentation

Vascular Surgery

“Functional and Oncologic Outcomes After Transoral Laser and Robotic Surgery for Oropharyngeal Carcinoma”



Lauren Westhaver

Best Grad Student/Basic Science Presentation

“Longitudinal peripheral blood immune profiling to monitor disease progression in Glioblastoma”

Dr. Camille Zeitouni – Resident - Plastic Surgery

“Better Care Sooner: Assessing Efficiency and Resident Educational Value of Dedicated Plastic Surgery Trauma Clinics”

Haley Glazebrook – Medical Student – Orthopaedics

Video-Based Assessment of Surgical Skill in Orthopaedic Surgery: External Reviewer Validation and Evaluator Bias

Nicolas Cheverie – Grad Student – Immunology /General Surgery

Targeted Hyperthermia Induces Immunogenic Tumor

Remodeling and Demonstrates Early Clinical Response in Immunotherapy-Refractory Metastatic Melanoma



Honorable Mentions