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A Note About the ORS Strategic Plan



President's Message



Dear ORS Members,

As we head into the back half of 2024, I am cognizant that 2025 is on the horizon and will be here soon. Before we know it, we will see one another in Phoenix for our Annual Meeting!

December 31, 2025, will mark the conclusion of the current ORS Strategic Plan. While in Phoenix, I look forward to involving you in the development process of our new Strategic Plan. I am excited about the work that we are kicking off. Let me share more:

- **Process:** Given the need to ensure we develop a Strategic Plan that will serve us well over the next five years, we are allowing sufficient time for depth of thinking, iterative design, and constituent feedback.
- **Involvement:** We are inviting broad participation from our past leaders, US and global colleagues, and current membership.
- **Diversity of Approach:** We will use a variety of approaches to gain insight and feedback including personal interviews, online surveys,

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and crowdsourcing feedback centered on themes and ORS initiatives.

Overall, my aim is to deliver the new Strategic Plan under the next administration. Both Suzanne Maher, 1st Board Vice President, and Hicham Drissi, 2nd Board Vice President, are integrally involved to ensure continuity of leadership.

Should you receive a request for feedback, please participate. The mission of the ORS is to support your research, and your feedback is critical as we craft the strategy that is best suited to your needs.

Respectfully,

Susan Bukata

ORS Board President

Call for Volunteers Extended to This Friday, August 23



One way ORS members can give back to the field of orthopaedics and provide help to the organization is by volunteering with the ORS. The ORS has several ways you can share your knowledge, skills, ideas, resources, and experience to help other members and to advance the mission of the society. The ORS is looking for volunteers in a variety of roles, including: committee members, journal reviewers, section representatives, event assistance, and more. Active ORS members in any location and in good standing are eligible to volunteer. All interested ORS members must complete the Call for Volunteers form to be considered for these opportunities. **If you are interested, please complete the form by this Friday, August 23 at 11:59 PM Central.**

[Complete the Volunteer Form](#)

New Members, Join Us This Wednesday for Orientation



Welcome **NEW ORS MEMBERS!**

If you are a new ORS member, please join us for an orientation where we will provide information on the structure of ORS, the benefits of membership, the opportunities for networking and career development, and much more. Bring any questions you have. We are here to help make your ORS membership all that it can be. You can join us at the date, time, and link below.

New Member Orientation

This Wednesday, August 21, 2024

12:00 PM Central

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3460977710?omn=87066214006>

Meeting ID: 346 097 7710

One Tap Mobile:

+13092053325, 3460977710# US

+13126266799, 3460977710# US (Chicago)

Find Your Local Number:

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**Abstracts Due in One Week for
The ORS 2025 Annual Meeting**



2025 ANNUAL MEETING

SCIENCE IS OUR CORE

February 7 – 11, 2025 | Phoenix, Arizona



Abstracts are due in just one week, next Monday, August 26 for the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will bring the orthopaedic community together for five days of workshops, learning sessions, networking, advocacy, and much more. The theme for the 2025 meeting is "Science is Our Core." Attendees of all career levels and from many disciplines will gather to network and learn about the latest innovations in orthopaedics. Podium presentations and poster sessions at the meeting will be made up, in large part, of the abstracts that are selected for key research topics that are relevant to the community. Submit your abstract today and mark your calendar to join us for this important event. The ORS 2025 Annual Meeting will take place February 7 - 11, 2025 in Phoenix, AZ.

[Submit Abstracts](#)

The call for applications is open now for the **Business Innovation Competition (BIC)**, which will take place at the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting. Participants will validate the market potential of their technology and develop a commercialization plan with expert mentorship and feedback that will assist in translating their ideas from bench to market. This session will provide an opportunity for interdisciplinary feedback and collaboration between industry, academics, and clinicians. The competition is open to early-stage companies, clinicians, researchers, and students of all levels with a great idea in the field of musculoskeletal research.

[Apply for the Business Innovation Competition](#)

The ORS is excited to introduce a new session on **Industry Innovation in Musculoskeletal Health** which will take place at the 2025 Annual Meeting. This educational lunch-and-learn session will highlight specific technical advancements that have been introduced to the market within the past two years by the orthopaedic industry. The goal of this session is to showcase the science and technology behind advancements in the industry. The call for speakers is now open for this new educational session.

[Apply to Speak at the Session](#)

The call for exhibitors is open for the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting. If you are part of an organization, or know of one, who would benefit by exhibiting in front of leading clinicians, engineers, and biologists in musculoskeletal research, please click the link below to learn more about this great opportunity.

[Exhibit at the Annual Meeting](#)

Opportunities for Awards and Grants



Applications and nominations are now being accepted for the following awards:

[ORS/RJOS Young Female Investigator Grant](#): \$1,000 to cover travel expenses and free registration to the 2025 Annual Meetings of both societies for a young female orthopaedic researcher. **(Submissions Due Next Monday, August 26.)**

[ORS/OREF Travel Grants in Orthopaedic Research Translation](#): Up to 14 grants of \$500 each to be used for early career clinician scientists and clinical investigators to attend the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting. **(Submissions Due Next Monday, August 26.)**

[New Investigator Recognition Awards](#): Selected based on the quality and presentation of material in the abstracts presented at the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting. Separate submission is not required beyond the general abstract submission. **(Submissions Due Next Monday, August 26.)**

Spine Section Travel Fellowship: \$1,500 for an ORS Spine Section researcher at any career level to collaborate with an established and committed host Principal Investigator. ***(Submissions Due September 2.)***

Dr. Peter Roughly Award: \$2,000 for exchange travel to a mentor and trainee team researching spine, disc, and cartilage biology. ***(Submissions Due September 2.)***

ORS/OREF Distinguished Investigator Award: Honors an individual with a long-standing, productive career in orthopaedic research. ***(Nominations Due September 16.)***

ORS Early Career Outreach Travel Award: 10 awards of \$300 each will go to volunteers who will participate in ORS's Open Door event at the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting. ***(Submissions Due September 16.)***

Outstanding Achievement in Mentoring Award: Recognition of an outstanding mentor in the ORS community who promotes the success of new investigators in the pursuit of independent orthopaedic research. ***(Nominations Due September 19.)***

Marshall R. Urist, MD Award: \$5,000 to honor an investigator who has a sustained ongoing body of focused research in tissue regeneration as it relates to the musculoskeletal system. ***(Nominations Due September 19.)***

Fred Nelson Scientific Communication Award: Recognition of an ORS member with a proven record of scientific communication over the last three years. ***(Nominations Due October 1.)***

ORS/PSRS Diversity Travel Fellowship Award: Provides complimentary registration, expenses, and mentoring to researchers from underrepresented communities to attend the 7th International Spine Research Symposium for the first time. ***(Submissions Due October 7.)***

Spine Section Diversity Stipend Awards: \$500 awards given to provide financial assistance and personal mentoring to help underrepresented spine research trainees to attend the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting. ***(Submissions Due November 29.)***

William H. Harris, MD Award: \$5,000 honorarium awarded to an individual based on the quality and scientific merit of basic or clinical research on the hip published in the previous year in the *Journal of Orthopaedic Research (JOR)*. ***(Authors Can Indicate Interest in Applying at the Time of Manuscript Submission to the Journal.)***

[Learn About All Awards](#)

Upcoming Webinar



Progress in developing treatments for musculoskeletal injuries and diseases has been hindered, in part, by a knowledge gap in the understanding of how changes in systemic factors influence tissue disease and repair. Recently, new methods in intravital multiphoton microscopy have been developed to address this knowledge gap. Join us for a webinar which will present an overview of the intravital multiphoton microscopy research spanning intervertebral disc, bone, and tendon tissues in rodents. The webinar will cover a brief introduction to intravital multiphoton microscopy, the process of developing an intravital surgical approach, and quantitative analyses of cell and tissue dynamics using these methods.

Intravital Imaging 101: Exploring the Dynamics of Musculoskeletal Health - Intravital Multiphoton Microscopy Innovations at Cornell University

**Wednesday, September 4
12:00 PM Central**

[Register](#)

Register for the ORS ISFR/OTA BSFF Joint Meeting



Register today for the ORS International Section of Fracture Repair (ISFR) and the Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA) Basic Science Focus Forum (BSFF) Joint Session. The session will take place October 21-23, just prior to the OTA Annual Meeting, October 23-26 in Montréal, Canada. Check out the [event schedule](#).

The ISFR event is intended to foster growth and innovation in the field of fracture repair, bone regeneration, and orthopaedic trauma. This cross-disciplinary meeting aims to bring together scientists, clinicians, engineers, and trainees with the goal of presenting pre-publication work and exchanging ideas that will drive advancement in the field.

The OTA is an international organization of orthopaedic surgeons and medical professionals dedicated to the care and treatment of patients with injuries to the musculoskeletal system, especially fractures and dislocations.

[Register](#)

Register for the International Spine Research Symposium



The Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS)/Philadelphia Spine Research Society (PSRS) **7th International Spine Research Symposium** will provide a forum for discussion of the latest research, medical innovations, and the most advanced scholarship in spine research. This symposium will foster a greater understanding of the clinical problems associated with degenerative disc disease and will highlight cutting-edge scientific research in areas of basic biology, epidemiology, disease mechanisms, biomechanics, tissue engineering, and imaging of the intervertebral disc. Registration for the event is open now.

ORS/PSRS 7th International Spine Research Symposium
November 10 - 14, 2024
Skytop, PA

[Register](#)

Member Spotlight



Meet ORS Member, Alayna E. Loiselle, PhD. Dr. Loiselle is an Associate Professor in Orthopaedics and the Principal Investigator of the Musculoskeletal and Soft Tissue Fibrosis and Regeneration Lab at the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, NY. Her research is focused on the mechanisms behind tendon fibrosis and disruption of these to guide tendon regeneration. As a recipient of both the Kappa Delta Young Investigator and Adele L. Boskey awards, Dr. Loiselle advises investigators to "be comfortable putting yourself out there ... I would much rather have someone actively tell me 'No', than to wonder what would have happened if I had not put myself out there." Learn more about Dr. Loiselle in this video.

Meet Alayna

Advance Your Career with Online, On-Demand Education from LearnORS



LearnORS is the online education platform from the ORS and it offers a variety of courses to help with career development training for individuals and for those in residencies. Courses are available separately or in a bundle, with discounts available to ORS members.

Courses Include:

Enhanced Writing and Publication Skills

The Art of Grant Writing

Principles of Clinical Research

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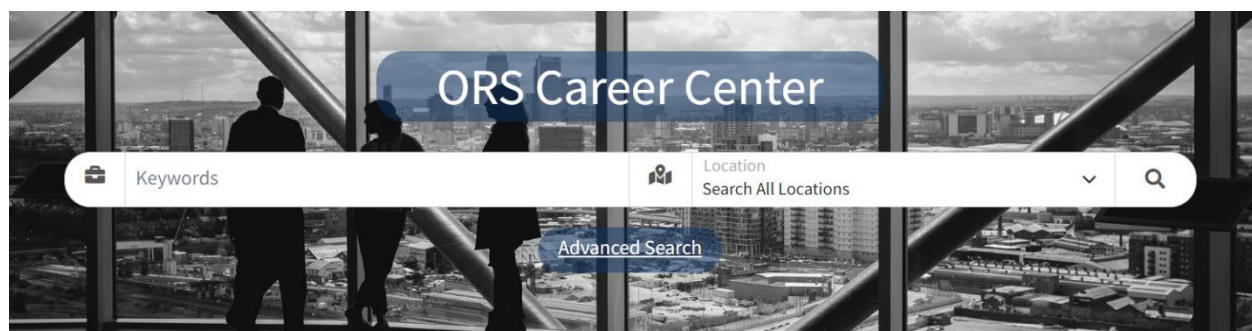
Call for a New Editor-in-Chief



The *Journal of Orthopaedic Research - Spine (JORS)* was established in 2018 by the Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) to offer a platform to focus on basic and translational orthopaedic research of the spine. The Journal is a leading peer reviewed, open access forum for the publication of premier spine studies focused on the biological basis of development, growth, aging and degeneration, biomechanical and novel imaging methods, mechano-biology, biomaterial applications, and pre-clinical and clinical studies based on novel preventative and regenerative approaches. The three founding co-Editors-in-Chief of *JORS* have recently announced their collective intent to depart from the Journal. **Applications for the role are being accepted until August 31, 2024.** For a full description of the role, including requirements, please visit the link below.

[Click Here to Apply for This Position](#)

Find Your Next Opportunity at the ORS Career Center



Check out the ORS Career Center to post jobs, post a resume, create a profile, find jobs, apply, or sign up for job alerts. The Career Center offers: Career Coaching, Resume Writing, Reference Testing, and a Career Learning Center. Check out this important resource today.

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Find or Post Events on the Orthopaedic Events Calendar



The Orthopaedic Events Calendar on the ORS website lists events that are of potential interest to those in the orthopaedic community. ORS Members are welcome to submit applicable events at no charge through the Submit Event button at the top of the calendar on the site. This is an excellent opportunity to spread the word about your orthopaedic-related events, ensuring they reach a wider and engaged audience.

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Mark Your Calendar!

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Next Monday, August 26, 2024

[International Society for Technology in Arthroplasty \(ISTA\) Meeting](#)

August 28 - 31, 2024

Nashville, TN

[Applications Due for JORS Editor-in-Chief](#)

August 31, 2024

[Webinar: Intravital Imaging 101: Exploring the Dynamics of Musculoskeletal Health - Intravital Multiphoton Microscopy Innovations at Cornell University](#)

September 4, 2024, 12:00 PM Central

[European Orthopaedic Research Society \(EORS\) 2024 Annual Meeting](#)

September 18 - 20, 2024

Aalborg University, Denmark

[2024 Clinician Scholar Career Development Program](#)

October 3 - 5, 2024

Rosemont, IL

[ORS ISFR/OTA BSFF Joint Meeting](#)

October 21 - 23, 2024

Montréal, Canada

[2024 PSRS International Spine Research Symposium](#)

November 10 - 14, 2024

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February 7 - 11, 2025

Phoenix, AZ

[Dates, Events, and People in Orthopaedic History](#)

We would like to continue to note important people, dates, and accomplishments in the history of orthopaedics in *ORS Connect*. If you have something or someone that should be recognized, particularly around days, weeks, or months of a specific dedication, **please [click here](#) to submit your information**.



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