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Help Guide the Future of the ORS



Nominations are due this Friday, September 13 for the 2025 ORS Board of Directors. Qualified ORS members are encouraged to apply. New board members will be ratified at the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ. The general duties of members of the board of directors are:

- Ensure board governance with a duty of care, duty of loyalty, and duty of good faith
- Establish the strategic direction of ORS
- Approve the annual budgets
- Monitor progress of the strategic plan and key programs
- Ensure succession planning
- Make all bylaws and policy changes

If you are interested in becoming a board member, or if you would like to nominate another ORS member, please submit your nomination through the form linked below. You can only submit one nominee for each position. **All nominations must be received by this Friday, September 13, 2024, at 11:59 PM Central.**

[MEMBERS ONLY WITH
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[FIND YOUR NEXT OPPORTUNITY AT
THE ORS CAREER CENTER](#)

[FIND OR POST EVENTS ON THE
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[Nominate an ORS Member for the Board](#)

"I have met the most amazing people, from students all the way to masters in our fields, in my roles on the ORS Board. As a member of the board, you help bring these member experiences and passions to life and shape the future of the ORS and its missions."

- Susan V. Bukata, MD, FAOA, FAAOS
President, ORS Board of Directors
Professor and Chair, UCSD Orthopaedics

Volunteer with the ORS, Applications Due September 16



To ensure members will have the opportunity to play a larger role in the ORS in 2025, we have extended our call for volunteers until September 16. ORS members can give back to the field of orthopaedics and provide help to the organization by volunteering. 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 by Monday, September 16 at 11:59 PM Central to be considered for these opportunities.

[Volunteer Today](#)

Please Tell Us About Your Experience as an ORS Member



Every two years we ask ORS members to participate in a survey that helps us to gauge satisfaction with ORS offerings that include programs, events, activities, and more. If you are a member, please take about 10-20 minutes to tell us about your experience with the ORS. Your input will help us greatly as we set up future events and activities. To thank you for your time, we will draw one from every 50 respondents to receive a \$25 Amazon gift card. **Please complete the survey by September 30, 2024, at 11:59 PM Central.**

[Take the Member Survey](#)

The ORS 2025 Annual Meeting



2025 ANNUAL MEETING

SCIENCE IS OUR CORE

February 7 – 11, 2025 | Phoenix, Arizona



The ORS 2025 Annual Meeting will take place February 7 - 11, 2025 in Phoenix, AZ. 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.

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. **The deadline to submit applications is next Monday, September 16.**

[Apply to Speak at the Session](#)

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. **The deadline to submit applications is October 7.**

[Apply for the Business Innovation Competition](#)

The calls for sponsors, exhibitors, and advertising are open for the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting. If you are part of an organization, or know of one, who would benefit by sponsoring, exhibiting, or

advertising in front of leading clinicians, engineers, and biologists in musculoskeletal research, please click the link below to learn more about these great opportunities.

[Learn More](#)

The call for abstracts for the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting is now closed. We received 2,176 submissions. Those are currently under review and we will notify those who have been accepted on November 6. If you missed your opportunity to submit, the call for late-breaking abstracts will be open October 14 - November 11.

Opportunities for Awards and Grants



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

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.)***

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. ***(The Deadline for Submissions Extended to September 30.)***

Dr. Peter Roughly Award: \$2,000 for exchange travel to a mentor and trainee team researching spine, disc, and cartilage biology. ***(The Deadline for Submissions Extended to September 30.)***

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.)***

Underrepresented in STEM Minority Undergraduate Travel Award Program: Complimentary registration for up to two undergraduate students from participating institutions to attend the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting. Candidates for this award must identify as a member of at least one underrepresented group in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM). ***(Nominations Due October 4.)***

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](#)

Join Us for an Upcoming Webinar



Lessons from Other Fibrocartilages: Impact on Meniscus Research

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

12:00 PM CST

This webinar will feature speakers who will cover temporomandibular joint disc, intervertebral disc, and enthesis as they relate to properties of fibrocartilages and how they compare to the knee meniscus.

Meet the Speakers:



Chang H. Lee, PhD
Associate Professor
Columbia University



Megan Killian, PhD
Associate Professor
University of Michigan

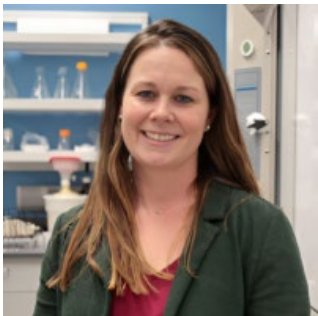


Devina Purmessur (Walter), PhD
Associate Professor
The Ohio State University

Organized by the ORS Meniscus Section:



Alejandro Almarza, PhD
Professor
University of Pittsburgh



Jenny Robinson, PhD
Assistant Professor
University of Washington



Jay Patel, PhD
Assistant Professor
Emory University School of Medicine

[Register](#)

New Member Orientation Video

If you are a new ORS member and you missed our recent New Member Orientation, you can now access the recording. The video provides information on the structure of ORS, the benefits of membership, the opportunities for networking and career development, and much more.

[View the New Member Orientation Video](#)

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.

Please note that registration rates will increase on September 23.

[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.

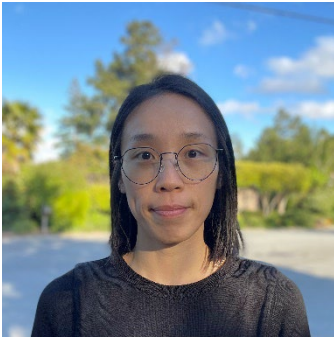
ORS/PSRS 7th International Spine Research Symposium

November 10 - 14, 2024

Skytop, PA

[Register](#)

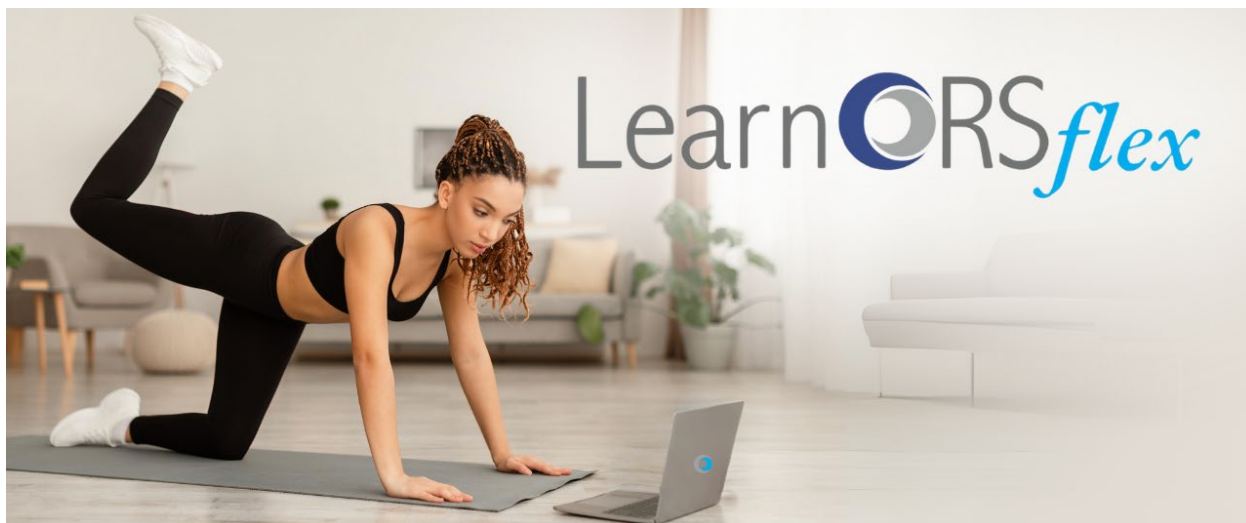
Member Spotlight



Meet ORS Member, Jade He, PhD. Dr. He is a Health Science Specialist at Palo Alto VA Medical Center and a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Stanford University. Her research focuses on understanding the interrelationships between biology, structure, and mechanics to identify markers that indicate osteoarthritis (OA) risks, including modifiable factors. ORS has supported Dr. He throughout her career, beginning with her first co-authored abstract as an undergraduate in 2012. Dr. He says, "ORS 2024 was special. I received the New Investigator Research Award, moderated an ORS session for the first time, and the summer research student whom I mentored gave a podium presentation." Learn more about Dr. He in this video.

[Meet Dr. He](#)

Online Education Opportunities for ORS Members Only with LearnORS*flex*



LearnORS, the online education platform from the ORS, is pleased to introduce an exciting new educational opportunity that is available only to ORS members. LearnORS*flex* offers two unique, discounted, flexible package options that will provide you with a customized online, on demand learning experience.

LearnORS*flex* Option 1 provides a choice of one of the following three courses:

- Art of Grant Writing
- Orthopaedic Basic Science
- Principles of Clinical Research

This option will also include the following two career development courses:

- Enhanced Writing and Publication Skills
- New Investigator Toolkit

LearnORS*flex* Option 2 provides all of the following five courses:

- Art of Grant Writing
- Orthopaedic Basic Science
- Principles of Clinical Research
- Enhanced Writing and Publication Skills
- New Investigator Toolkit

Act now to take advantage of this great opportunity to learn online, on demand, on your own schedule.

[Learn More](#)

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.

[Visit the ORS Career Center](#)

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

September 18 - 20, 2024
Aalborg University, Denmark

[Membership Survey Closes](#)

September 30, 2024

[2024 Clinician Scholar Career Development Program](#)

October 3 - 5, 2024
Rosemont, IL

[Applications Due for the Business Innovation Competition at the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting](#)

October 7, 2024

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

October 21 - 23, 2024
Montréal, Canada

[2024 PSRS International Spine Research Symposium](#)

November 10 - 14, 2024
Skytop, PA

[ORS 2025 Annual Meeting](#)

February 7 - 11, 2025
Phoenix, AZ

ORS 2025 Young Investigator Initiative (YII)

May 2 - 4, 2025
Rosemont, IL
Registration Information Coming in Fall 2024

[51st International Musculoskeletal Biology Workshop](#)

July 19 - 24, 2025
Midway, UT

ORS 2025 Clinician Scholar Career Development Program

October 2 - 4, 2025
More Information Coming Soon

[International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies \(ICORS\) Congress 2025](#)

October 8 - 11, 2025

Adelaide, Australia

[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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