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Feedback and Resources on the Current State of Research



Given recent challenges related to research, we invite you to provide feedback about your experience. We hope to use the results to develop potential solutions. If you have not already done so, please complete our survey via the following link. This will help us to develop action items to support each other through these difficult times. Your responses are anonymous, and no personal information will be collected.

Please provide your feedback by June 1. Thank you for your partnership.

[Provide Your Feedback](#)

Following, please find links to a variety of resources that have been provided by AIMBE (American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering) that you might find useful:

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Join Us for These Upcoming Webinars



New Member Orientation

This Wednesday, May 21, 2025

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Central

New ORS members, please join us this Wednesday for an orientation where we will provide information on the structure of the 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. Webinars are free to ORS members.

Organized by:

The ORS Membership Committee

[Register for New Member Orientation](#)

Back by Popular Demand! The ISFR 3-Minute Pitch Competition



The ORS International Section of Fracture Repair (ISFR) will host its 2025 3-Minute Research Pitch Competition on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 from 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Central via Zoom. The call for graphical abstracts is open now, and submissions will need to be received by May 28. Those who are selected to participate will have three minutes to present their work using one slide about what they are working on and why it is important to the field of research of bone biology, bone regeneration, fracture repair, trauma, or related fields. The winner will be featured by the ISFR Communication Committee and will win up to \$500 in prizes.

Abstracts Must be Submitted by May 28.

[Submit an Abstract](#)

An Introduction to Animal-Free In Vitro Models

Wednesday, June 4, 2025
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Central

This webinar will present an overview of animal-free in vitro preclinical systems including, but not limited to, 3D tissue cultures, organoids, and patient-derived explants. The session will address specific methods used in orthopaedic research, such as multi-physiological systems using chip technology to mimic bone, intervertebral disc, or cancer metastases. Through this scientific discussion, we aim to foster a broader adoption of these methodologies, thereby enhancing the rigor and ethical standards of preclinical research.

Organized by:

The ORS Preclinical Models Section

[Register for In Vitro Models](#)

Compassionate Leadership Summer Series: From Burnout to Balance

Session 2: Confident, Compassionate, and Aligned Leadership

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Central

Join us for the second in a three-part summer webinar series on compassionate leadership. Designed for scientists of all levels in academic, clinical, and industry settings, the webinar series includes discussions about managing stress, burnout, criticism, perfectionism, and imposter syndrome at a personal level. Building on the inner awareness developed in the first session, the second webinar will shift the focus to cultivating leadership grounded in self-awareness, confidence, and sustainable compassion. Dr. Anne Welsh will show how to set clear, empathetic boundaries, communicate with purpose, and lead from a place of grounded presence - even when facing high expectations or limited resources.

Organized by:

**The ORS Women's Leadership Forum, the ORS Accessibility and Belonging Committee,
and the ORS Membership Committee**

Register for Compassionate Leadership, Part Two

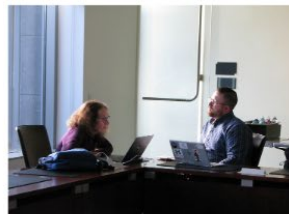
If you missed part one of this series, you can find the recording here:

**[Session 1: Leading with Presence - Managing Burnout and Compassion Fatigue
in Ourselves and Others](#)**

**Applications Due Friday for the Young Investigator
Initiative**

YII Young Investigator Initiative

A Grant Mentoring and Career Development Program



Applications are due this Friday, May 23 for the ORS Young Investigator Initiative (YII) program. This grant mentoring and career development program will take place October 17-19 in Rosemont, IL, and will provide early career researchers with guidance on constructing well-founded research proposals and securing funding for basic, translational, or clinical research. YII is open to all Junior Faculty, Fellows, Post-Doctoral Researchers, and Residents. Previous YII attendees are also invited to return to review their Summary Statements, discuss next steps, and obtain further guidance from our experienced and supportive faculty mentors. Space is limited, so apply today. **Applications are due this Friday, May 23, 2025, 11:59 PM Central.**

[Apply Today](#)

Call for Workshops and Symposia Due Friday for the 2026 Annual Meeting



The calls for workshops and symposia are due this Friday, May 23 for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. The meeting will take place March 27-31 in Charlotte, NC, and will bring together attendees of all career levels and disciplines to connect and explore the latest innovations in orthopaedics. The theme for the meeting ties in with the enthusiastic racing community in Charlotte - "Driving Research to Fuel Discovery." Submit your ideas and help us shape the content of our organization's most important event. **Submissions are due this Friday, May 23, 2025.**

[Submit Ideas for Workshops and Symposia](#)

ORS is Proud to Partner on the Catalyst™ Research Mentorship Program



ORS is partnering with the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM), the Arthroscopy Association of North America (AANA), and the Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons (SOMOS) in the collaborative Catalyst™ Sports Medicine Research Mentorship Program. Catalyst™ will help develop the next generation of sports medicine-focused clinician scholars with an educational focus on research design, building a collaborative research team, and developing the skills to make contributions to state-of-the-art sports medicine-related research. The online educational component of the program will be provided using LearnORS. **Applications are due May 29, and the program will start July 1.** (If your organization could benefit by using LearnORS for online career development, please contact learnors@ors.org.)

[Learn More](#)

\$1,000 Awards Available for the

International Musculoskeletal Biology Workshop



The call for abstracts has been extended to May 31 for those to be considered for an award at the 51st International Musculoskeletal Biology Workshop. Up to 15 Alice L. Jee Awards are available at \$1,000 each to offset meeting expenses for students, fellows, and early career researchers (up to and including assistant professors). Some recipients may have the opportunity to present their work from the podium if their work is related to one of the session topics.

The workshop will take place July 19-24 (please note the 24th is the departure date) in Midway, UT. The theme for this year's event will be: "Back to Basics: Bone Remodeling, Skeletal Cell Stimulation, and Mechanisms of MSK Disease Prevention." The event provides a forum to identify problems in musculoskeletal disease and experimental approaches that provide solutions. Concepts debated at the workshop have had, and continue to have, a strong impact on the study of skeletal physiology and disorders. **Abstracts to be considered for a \$1,000 Alice L. Jee award are due May 31.** Abstract submissions for those not to be considered for an award are due June 30. Registration for the event is open now.

[For More Information or to Apply](#)

Call for Article Submissions for JOR Special Issues



The *Journal of Orthopaedic Research (JOR)* has announced a call for articles for two special issues:

Current Topics in Orthopaedic Implant Technology

In this special issue of *JOR*, we will highlight a series of review articles on key topics of clinical needs and/or technologies in orthopaedic implants. These topics are expected to include: infection, additive manufacturing, intra-operative technologies, remote patient monitoring, AI/ML, and retrieval analysis. Additionally, we aim to provide review articles on each of the four primary types of evidence used to support advancements in arthroplasty: computational modeling and simulation, benchtop testing, animal studies, and clinical investigations. We are also soliciting original research articles in specific application areas including spine, hip, knee, shoulder, elbow, hand, ankle, foot, and trauma. The guest editors for this issue will be: Jeff Bischoff, PhD (Zimmer Biomet), Joshua Roth, PhD (University of Wisconsin), and Alex Christ, MD (University of California). **Submissions are due May 31, 2025.**

Tendon from Mechanism to Therapy – Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes

This special issue will build on the ORS Tendon Conference 2024 Mechanism to Therapy – Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes hosted by Mayo Clinic on May 30-June 1, 2024. The issue will contain perspectives, reviews, and original research papers that developed around the Tendon Conference and recent Tendon Section areas of interest. This issue will serve as a valuable resource for researchers, trainees, and investigators new to tendon research, while also fostering collaborations between experts in the field. The guest editors for this issue will be Anne Gingery, PhD (Mayo Clinic) and Karin Grävare Silbernagel, PT, ATC, PhD, FAPTA (University of Delaware). **Submissions are due June 30, 2025.**

You can submit your article for the special issues via the link below. Be sure to answer “yes” to the question - “Is this submission for a special issue?” Then select either “Current Topics in Orthopaedic Implant Technology” or “Tendon from Mechanism to Therapy” from the drop-down menu.

[Submit Your Article](#)

Apply for These Great Awards



The Stryker/ORS Women’s Research Fellowship promotes women in science by providing an opportunity for an ORS member who identifies as a woman or gender non-conforming (non-binary, gender fluid, etc.) who is a recent PhD in science or engineering to conduct research in the field of orthopaedic technology. The Fellowship provides one year of support in the amount of up to \$50,000 for eligible applicants who are within four years of graduation with a PhD or related degree at the time of application and are full-time post-doctoral fellows conducting orthopaedic translational research with an experienced research advisor. Translational research is defined as research with a clearly articulated vision of how it can lead to improved musculoskeletal health of individuals. **Letters of Intent are due June 13.**

[Apply for the Stryker/ORS Award](#)

The ORS Collaborative Exchange Grant supports collaborative exchanges between orthopaedic researchers at different institutions. The grant can be used towards travel, accommodation, and living costs for investigators to visit research institutions to foster

collaboration in orthopaedic related-research areas and to facilitate the exchange of new research methodologies and techniques. The maximum grant amount is \$5,000. Applicants must be ORS members in good standing, and can be at any stage of their research careers. The period of exchange is expected to be a minimum of two weeks and may be spread over more than one visit. **Applications are due June 27.**

[Apply for the Collaborative Exchange Grant](#)

Volunteer with the ORS in 2026



The Call for Volunteers is open for members interested in expanding their roles in the ORS in 2026. This is a great opportunity to give back to the organization and the field of orthopaedics. Volunteering with the ORS lets you share your knowledge, skills, ideas, resources, and experience to help other members and to advance the mission of the society. There are a variety of positions available, including: committee members, journal reviewers, section representatives, event assistance, and more. All active ORS members, of any career level, in any location, and in good standing are eligible to volunteer. **Applications are due June 30.**

[Learn More or Apply](#)

Important Item for AAOS Members



If you are a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), please take a moment to review the proposed changes to their bylaws and provide your feedback via the link below.

[Provide Feedback on AAOS Bylaws](#)

OREF Funding Opportunities



The call for applications is open for more than \$200,000 in OREF funding. Funding is available for research addressing clinical gaps in healing, repair or diagnostics, resident-led projects, and support for NIH K Awardees.

- OREF Mentored Clinician Scientist Grant provides \$20,000 for the development of new clinician scientists who have demonstrated success as both a clinician and a researcher. **Applications Due June 17.**
- OREF/AAOS Clinical Gaps Research Grant provides \$100,000 for investigator-initiated proposals focused on addressing clinical gaps in healing, repair or diagnostics through devices, biologics or technology. **Applications Due June 17.**

[Learn More](#)

ORS Sweaters Available



The beautiful new blue ORS sweater made its debut at the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting. This highly popular and very fashionable sweater has been the subject of numerous requests over the years, and it is now available. The cozy sweater has a 1/4 zip and will be perfect for upcoming cool Spring evenings. It is a great way to share your support for the organization and your enthusiasm for musculoskeletal research. You can order the sweater now via the link below.

[Order Today](#)

Register for the ICORS 2025 World Congress



Registration is open for the International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies (ICORS) 2025 World Congress. The event will take place October 8-11 in Adelaide, Australia. ICORS is an alliance of societies that promotes basic, translational, and clinical musculoskeletal research worldwide. The ICORS World Congress takes place every three years. A range of primary fields of research will be represented, including: biology, biomechanics, clinical, imaging, and tissue engineering. **You can register at the earlybird rate until August 1.**

[Register](#)

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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June 30, 2025

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Session 3: Fireside Chat – Sustaining Compassion in Leadership

July 16, 2025, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Central

Registration Information Coming Soon

[51st International Musculoskeletal Biology Workshop](#)

July 19 - 24, 2025 (Please Note the 24th is the Departure Date)

Midway, UT

[ORS 2025 Clinician Scholar Career Development Program](#)

October 2 - 4, 2025

Rosemont, IL

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

October 8 - 11, 2025

Adelaide, Australia

[ORS 2025 Young Investigator Initiative \(YII\)](#)

October 17 - 19, 2025

Rosemont, IL

[ORS 2026 Annual Meeting](#)

March 27 - 31, 2026

Charlotte, NC

[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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