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Call for Abstracts Open Now for the 2026 Annual Meeting



Abstract submissions are open now 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. Submit your abstract today to help us shape the content of our organization's most important event.

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If you are planning to attend the 51st International Musculoskeletal Biology Workshop, today is your last opportunity to win in our exciting new promotion! **If you register for the event and you reserve your room today, Monday, June 16, by 11:59 PM Central, you will be entered for a chance to win a free registration for this year's event.** (If you have already registered and reserved your hotel, you will also be entered for a chance to win.)

51st International Musculoskeletal Biology Workshop

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

Zermatt Resort and Spa

Midway, Utah

The theme for this year's workshop 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. Abstract submissions for those not to be considered for an award are due June 30. Registration for the event is open now.

The winner of the 2025 MSK Biology Workshop registration will be announced this Wednesday, June 18. That person will be reimbursed for their registration fee.

[Register and Book Your Hotel Today](#)

Join Us for These Webinars



The ISFR 3-Minute Pitch Competition

Wednesday, June 25, 2025
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Central

The ORS International Section of Fracture Repair (ISFR) is pleased to present its 3-Minute Research Pitch Competition. Students, post-graduates, and early career members 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. Join us for these exciting presentations.

The Presenters and Their Topics:



Tony Baldini

California Northstate University College of Medicine

Intrinsically Disordered Peptides (P2) and Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSCs) Simultaneously Promote Bone Regeneration and Modulate Inflammation.



Feiyang Chen, PhD

University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School

Smart, Bacteria-Triggered Antibiotic-Releasing Implant Coating for Post-Traumatic Bone Fractures.



Leyi Chen

Washington University in St. Louis

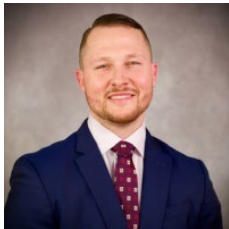
How Can We Heal Nonunion Fractures?



Elnaz Enderami

Department of Regenerative Musculoskeletal Medicine, Institute of Musculoskeletal Medicine, University of Muenster, Germany

3D Spheroid Culture of Chondrocytes to Study the Interaction of Cells at the Chondro-Osseous Border of Endochondral Ossification.



Brandon Gettleman, MD

University of California, Los Angeles

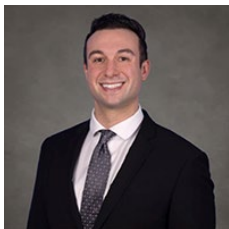
Surgical Stress and Physiologic Reserve: A Novel Approach to Femur Fractures.



Jacob Kodra

Medical College of Wisconsin

Salter Harris III and IV Medial Malleolus Fractures in Children < 10: Is This a Fracture of Necessity?



Zachary Koroneos

Pennsylvania State University

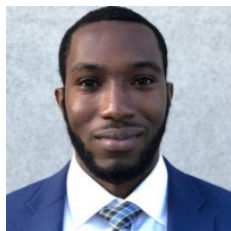
Finite Element Modeling of Metastatic Femurs with Prophylactic Intramedullary Nail Fixation.



Aleyna La Croix

Dartmouth College

Shocking Revelations in Cryogelation: Sparking Musculoskeletal Regeneration.



Aboubacar Wague

University of California, San Francisco

Investigating the Antibacterial Properties of Fibro-Adipogenic Progenitors and Their Role in Infection Control.

Organized by:

The ORS ISFR Education Committee

[Register for 3-Minute Pitch](#)

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Compassionate Leadership Summer Series: From Burnout to Balance

Session 3: Fireside Chat - Sustaining Compassion in Leadership

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Central

Join us for the third session 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. In this closing session, we bring together Dr. Marianne Cook and Dr. Anne Welsh for an intimate fireside chat exploring the complexities of compassionate leadership in scientific and academic environments. Drawing from their deep experience supporting high-achieving professionals, they will reflect on key takeaways from the series - recognizing burnout in others, supporting mentees and colleagues without overextending, and creating psychologically safe, values-aligned spaces. Attendees will be invited to ask questions, share insights, and engage in real talk about what compassionate leadership looks like in practice, not just in theory.

Speakers:



Marianne Cook, EdD, LICSW is a highly trained therapist specializing in helping high-achieving professionals, college and graduate students, and faculty through evidence-based approaches, offering in-person and telehealth services across MA, NY, and CT, with a deep commitment to supporting the academic community.



Anne Welsh, PhD, PMH-C, R-CPLC, ACC is a licensed psychologist and certified executive coach who specializes in helping high-achieving women in male-dominated fields like biotech, IT, and law elevate their leadership, build resolute confidence, and break free from perfectionism, all while fostering alignment between their career and personal life through a blend of practical strategies and deeper self-exploration.

Organized by:

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

[Register for Compassionate Leadership, Session 3](#)

If you missed Session 1 or Session 2 of this series, you can find the recordings in our [Video Library](#).

Award Opportunities



The following awards are now open for submissions. Keep an eye on this space in future issues of *ORS Connect*, as we will be updating the opportunities regularly. Please note that all submissions are due at 11:59 PM Central on each listed due date.

Open Now - [ORS/RJOS Young Female Investigator Grant](#): A \$1,000 travel stipend provided by the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society (RJOS), and complimentary registration to attend the 2026 Annual Meetings of both RJOS and the ORS. This opportunity is open to young female orthopaedic researchers. **Applications are due August 25.**

Open Now - [ORS/OREF Travel Grants in Orthopaedic Research Translation](#): Up to 14 grants of \$500 each from the ORS and Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) to be used for early career clinician scientists and clinical investigators to attend the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. **Applications are due August 25.**

[ORS Collaborative Exchange Grant](#): Up to \$5,000 is available to support 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. **Applications are due June 27.**

[Adele L. Boskey, PhD Award](#): An honorarium of \$5,000 to a mid-career ORS member for outstanding and sustained commitment to mentorship, as well as a demonstrated track-record of an upward trajectory and impactful research program. **Nominations are due August 15.**

[ORS Women's Leadership Forum Award](#): An honorarium of \$500 to a female biologist, clinician, or engineer who has made significant contributions to the understanding of the

musculoskeletal system and musculoskeletal diseases and injuries. **Nominations are due August 15.**

ORS/OREF Distinguished Investigator Award: This award honors an individual who has significantly contributed to the field of orthopaedic research, to the ORS, and OREF through their outstanding scientific achievements and their commitment of time and service.

Nominations are due September 12.

[Read About All Awards](#)

Call for Article Submissions for JOR Special Issue



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

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.**

You can submit your article for the special issue via the link below. Be sure to answer “yes” to the question, “Is this submission for a special issue?” Then select "Tendon from Mechanism to Therapy" from the drop-down menu.

[Submit Your Article](#)

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](#)

Member Spotlight



Meet ORS Member, Natalie Adamczyk, PhD. Natalie recently defended her dissertation and has earned her PhD from Rush University Medical Center under the mentorship of Dr. Rachel Miller. Her research focuses on chronic musculoskeletal pain, drawing on her neuroscience background and passion for understanding pain mechanisms. Learn more about Natalie and her journey in research through the link below.

[Meet Natalie](#)

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 Tomorrow, 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 Tomorrow, June 17.**

[Learn More](#)

ASM Award Opportunity



AMERICAN
SOCIETY FOR
MICROBIOLOGY

Nominations for the 2026 American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Awards and Prize are now open. The ASM Awards and Prize program honors scientists at all career stages and across all fields of the microbial sciences who have made significant contributions in research, education and leadership. **The nomination deadline is July 1.**

[Learn More](#)

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](#)

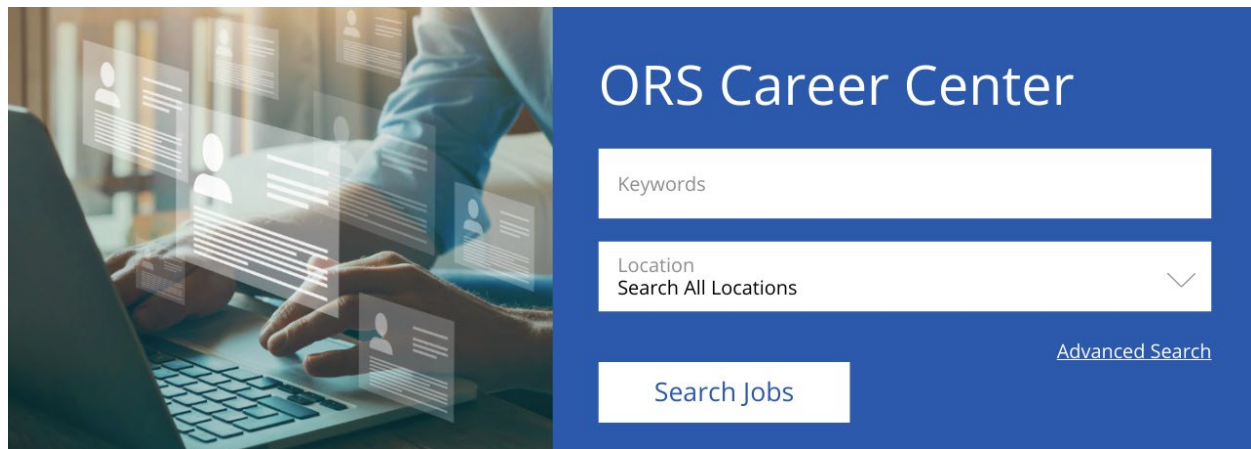
ORS Sweaters Available



The beautiful 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 cool 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](#)

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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[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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