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Register for the MSK Biology Workshop



Register today for the 51st International Musculoskeletal Biology Workshop. The theme for this year's workshop is: "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.

51st International Musculoskeletal Biology Workshop

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

Zermatt Resort and Spa

Midway, Utah

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Join Us for These Upcoming Webinars



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. Webinars are free to ORS members.

Meet the 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](#).

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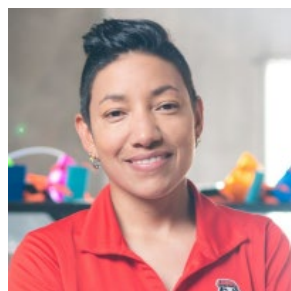
Also, Coming Soon:

Member Q&A With the Board

Wednesday, July 23, 2025
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Central

Recent changes enacted by the federal government affecting research, safety, security, and travel concerns have caused some concern in our committees and in ORS general membership. The Accessibility and Belonging committee hosts its annual membership townhall to gauge the needs and concerns of our ORS community and to aid in the development of programming for 2025-2026. The Board of Directors and ORS Interim Director and CEO join this webinar to address questions and concerns from our membership following with breakout groups discussing such major challenges and what steps various groups are taking to handle these changes.

Meet the Speakers:



Christina Salas, PhD (she/her/they/them)

Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering (primary)
Associate Professor, Department of Chemical & Biological Engineering (joint)
Associate Professor, Department of Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation (secondary)
Director, Biomedical Engineering Graduate Program
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque



Megan Killian, PhD (she/her)

Associate Professor
Associate Chair for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
University of Michigan



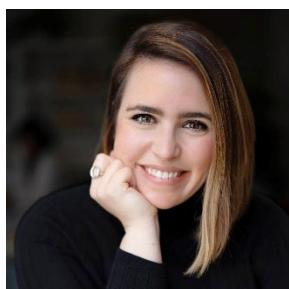
Amy McNulty, PhD

Associate Professor in Orthopaedic Surgery, Biological Engineering,
Department of Pathology
Associate Research Professor of Cell Biology
Duke University School of Medicine



Roger Cornwall, MD

Pediatric Hand Surgeon, Division of Pediatric Orthopaedics
Clinical Director, Division of Pediatric Orthopaedics
Professor, UC Department of Orthopedic Surgery
Cincinnati Children's Hospital



Kelsey Collins, PhD

Assistant Professor
Director, Laboratory for Musculoskeletal Crosstalk
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
University of California San Francisco



Matt Loeb, NACD.DC, CAE

Interim Executive Director & CEO
ORS

Organized by:

The ORS Accessibility and Belonging Committee

[Register for Member Q&A](#)

Musculoskeletal Research at the VA

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

The VA Musculoskeletal Research Program is part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts to advance research focusing on improving the health and function of veterans with musculoskeletal conditions. This webinar will bring together three speakers from this government agency to discuss the bench to bedside process of technology development. The event will include 30 minutes for Q&A.

Meet the Speakers and Their Topics:



“Musculoskeletal Research at Veterans Affairs”

Kimberlee Potter, PhD

Health Science Officer Medical Health Broad Portfolio
Office of Research and Development (14RD)
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



“Research, Development, and Translation of Medical Devices in the Veterans Health Administration”

Brian Schulz, PhD

Scientific Program Manager of Rehabilitation Engineering and Prosthetics
Office of Research and Development
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



“Department of Veterans Affairs Technology Transfer Program: Bringing Research Advancements for Veterans to Everyone!”

Terri Hunter, PhD

Deputy Director
Technology Transfer Program
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Organized by:
The ORS Innovation Committee

[Register for MSK at the VA](#)

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.

[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/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.**

[**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.**

[**The ORS Early Career Outreach Travel Award**](#) provides ten awards of \$300 each to help offset travel and lodging expenses for volunteers who will participate in the ORS Open Door event the morning of Friday, March 27 at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. **Submissions are due August 25.**

[**The William H. Harris, MD Award**](#) provides a \$5,000 honorarium based on the scientific merit of a basic and/or clinical research paper involving the hip that has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Orthopaedic Research (JOR)*. **Submissions are due August 25.**

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) is proud to introduce its new [**Orthopaedic Research Excellence Awards \(OREA\)**](#) which will recognize groundbreaking contributions to musculoskeletal science. **Submissions are due August 31.**

[**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](#)

Join Us at FrameWORX 2025

The Future of Musculoskeletal Health Innovations in Orthopedic Medicine and Indiana's Leadership Opportunity



Join 250 industry leaders, researchers, clinicians, and innovators at **FrameWORX: The Future of Musculoskeletal Health**. Presented by BioCrossroads, the event will take place on August 20, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM, at Indiana University in Warsaw, IN, and will include ecosystem tours, speaker sessions, poster presentations, exhibits and more. The ORS will be participating in the event. Michael David, PhD, Associate Chair of the ORS Ambassadors, will represent the organization at the ORS booth, and Hicham Drissi, PhD, 1st Vice President of the ORS Board, will be speaking. The call for abstracts to participate in the poster session is open now, and submissions are due July 15. Registration is free, and is open now.

[Learn More](#)

Call for Abstracts Open Now for the 2026 Annual Meeting



The call for abstract submissions is open 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 abstract today to help us shape the content of our organization's most important event. **Submissions are due August 25.**

[Submit Your Abstract](#)

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](#)

Article Submissions for JOR Special Issue



The *Journal of Orthopaedic Research (JOR)* has an open 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). **The deadline for submissions has been extended until December 31, 2025.**

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](#)

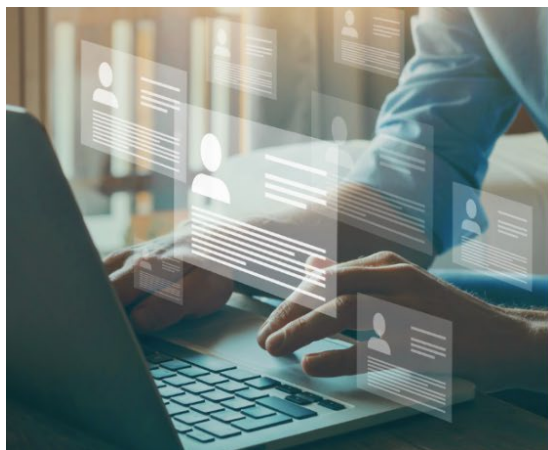
ORS Sweaters Available



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.

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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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[FrameWORX: The Future of Musculoskeletal Health](#)

August 20, 2025, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Eastern

Indiana University, Warsaw, IN

[Abstract Submissions Due for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting](#)

August 25, 2025

[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

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Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes](#)**

Extended to December 31, 2025

[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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