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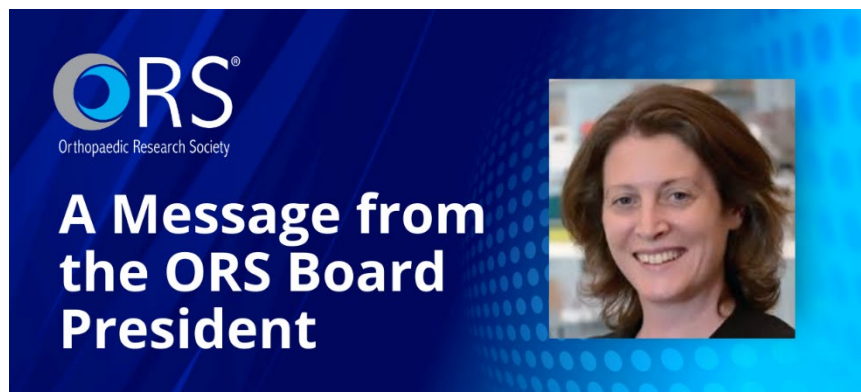
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Advocacy and Outreach



Hello fellow ORS Members,

The purpose of this message is to share how ORS is advocating for science, and to ask for your partnership. We recognize the importance of investing in the future of musculoskeletal health and that means engaging, educating, and collaborating with partner societies, advocacy groups and our elected officials, and encouraging you, our members, to mobilize. The results of our recent survey indicated that our members would like to see ORS help by providing information, collaboration opportunities, advocacy, guidance, and other resources.

Our Advocacy Council, chaired by Jaimo Ahn, MD, PhD, includes a Public Outreach Committee (chaired by Ryan Tomlinson, PhD), a Scientific Communications Committee (chaired by Hugh Giambini, PhD) and a Social Media Committee (chaired by Hannah Zlotnick, PhD). This group is

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already very engaged on key initiatives related to informing our community with important updates. Jaimo has also previously partnered with Kelsey Collins, PhD and Karen Troy, PhD (both prior ORS board members) on numerous advocacy activities. Together, this team is mobilizing, and you will be hearing much more in the future.

Some recent ORS advocacy activities include:

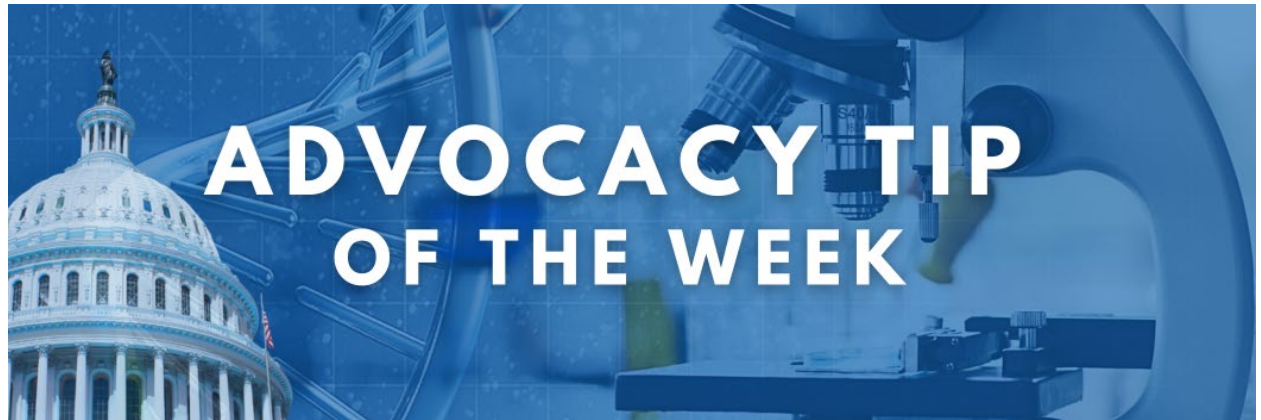
- My own recent visit to the NIH campus to represent the ORS at the [Friends of NIBIB](#) event, as organized by AIMBE.
- We are currently planning for a Congressional Briefing, supported by AIMBE, later this year.
- Partnering with AAOS and AIMBE on letter-writing campaigns, specifically Joint Letters to the NSF and NIH signed by over 50 health-related organizations.
- Regular social media outreach through LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, X, TikTok, and Bluesky.
- Regular emails with information and updates to members, including *ORS Connect*.

We are living in an ever-evolving situation with respect to funding for research. In response, the Public Outreach Committee is launching a new feature in *ORS Connect*, entitled ***Advocacy Tip of the Week***. This regular feature will provide you with quick and simple actions you can take to advocate for and promote scientific research. Now, more than ever, advocacy is critical. Now, more than ever, is the right time for you to personally get involved. Please see the new feature below and let us know how we can support you. We are all in this together.

Best regards,

Suzanne A. Maher, PhD
President of the ORS Board of Directors

Introducing Our New Feature...



Are you on top of science policy and funding news? The ORS Public Outreach Committee invites you to join its new Advocacy Liaisons Program, led by Ryan Tomlinson, PhD and Sade Williams Clayton, PhD. Advocacy Liaisons are informed, engaged researchers that will help draft the *Advocacy Tip of the Week* as well as connect ORS with local institutions, share key outreach updates, and build grassroots momentum for public awareness and advocacy in musculoskeletal research. For more information, to join the program, or for any comments, questions, or suggestions, please email ryan.tomlinson@jefferson.edu.

Webinar Wednesday - Member Q&A With the Board



Member Q&A With the Board

This Wednesday, July 23, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Central

For ORS Members Only

Recent changes enacted by the federal government affecting research, safety, security, and travel have caused some concern in our committees and in ORS general membership. The Accessibility and Belonging Committee, the Women's Leadership Forum, and the Community Council will host this 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 Executive Director and CEO will address questions and concerns from our members. Breakout groups will discuss challenges and what steps various groups are taking to handle changes. This webinar is only available to ORS members.

Speakers:



Amy McNulty, PhD

ORS Board Member-at-Large

Associate Professor in Orthopaedic Surgery, Biological Engineering,
Department of Pathology

Associate Research Professor of Cell Biology
Duke University School of Medicine



Roger Cornwall, MD

ORS Board 2nd Vice President

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

Former ORS Board Member

Assistant Professor

Director, Laboratory for Musculoskeletal Crosstalk

Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

University of California San Francisco



Matt Loeb, NACD.DC, CAE

Interim Executive Director and CEO

Orthopaedic Research Society

Speaker and Organizer:



Megan Killian, PhD (She/Her)

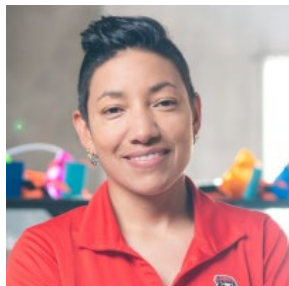
ORS Board Member and Community Council Chair

Associate Professor

Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

University of Michigan

Host and Organizer:



Christina Salas, PhD (She/Her/They/Them)

ORS Accessibility and Belonging Committee Chair

Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering (Primary)

Associate Professor, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering (Joint)

Associate Professor, Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation (Secondary)

Director, Biomedical Engineering Graduate Program

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque

Organizers:



Aarti Shenoy, PhD

ORS Women's Leadership Forum Member

Instructor of Applied Biomechanics in Orthopaedic Surgery

Department of Biomechanical Engineering, Hospital for Special Surgery (Primary)

Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University (Joint)



Feini (Sylvia) Qu, VMD, PhD

ORS Women's Leadership Forum Member

Allan Treuer-Ted Wagner, MD Endowed Chair in Regenerative Spine Surgery

Assistant Professor, Departments of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine and Mechanical Engineering

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Bioengineering

Core Member, Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine

University of Washington

Organized by:

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

[Register for Q&A With the Board](#)

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Coming Next Week:

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.

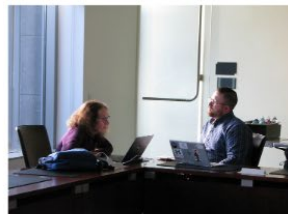
Organized by:

The ORS Innovation Committee

[Register for MSK at the VA](#)

Applications Due July 30
for the Young Investigator Initiative

YII Young *A Grant Mentoring and Career Development Program* Investigator Initiative



Applications are due July 30 for the ORS Young Investigator Initiative (YII). This multidisciplinary grant mentoring and career development program provides young investigators in the musculoskeletal sciences with guidance on constructing well-founded research proposals and securing funding for basic, translational, or clinical research. The program 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.

The ORS Young Investigator Initiative

October 17-19, 2025

Rosemont, IL

Applications are Due July 30, 2025, 11:59 PM Central

[Apply Today](#)

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



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 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. Registration is free.

[Learn More](#)

Call for Abstracts Open 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](#)

New Funding Opportunities from OREF



Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) is pleased to announce the availability of more than \$550,000 in new funding. Applications are now available for OREF signature grants, pain management research, support for NIH K Award recipients and a new opportunity for early-stage investigators.

[Read 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

A Message from Wiley on Journal Article Submission

WILEY

Those who are submitting journal articles should be aware that, as of July 1, Wiley has changed its policy regarding deposit of NIH-funded papers into PubMed Central (PMC) on behalf of authors:

- Wiley will no longer deposit accepted articles to PMC on behalf of National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded authors who publish non-Open Access articles. These authors are responsible for depositing their articles in PMC. [Please see Wiley's instructions on how to do it.](#)
- Wiley will continue to deposit articles to PMC on behalf of authors who publish their articles in Open Access journals.

This policy change was made to meet requirements for the NIH public access plan, to allow authors to comply with funding mandates, and to support the sustainability of our publishing operations and partnerships.

Also, on July 8, the NIH announced that they will implement a cap on allowable publication costs for NIH funded research. NIH has not yet defined what the cap will be or provided specifics on how it will be calculated. More information will be provided as this develops.

[Read More](#)

Call for 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](#)

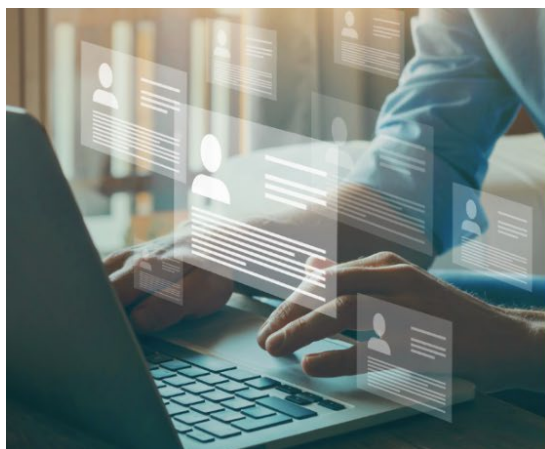
ORS Sweaters Available



This beautiful, blue, cozy 1/4 zip ORS sweater is now available. Perfect for cool evenings, the sweater is also a great way to share your support for the organization and your enthusiasm for musculoskeletal research. You can order your own 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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Mark Your Calendar!

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

October 2 - 4, 2025

Rosemont, IL

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October 8 - 11, 2025

Adelaide, Australia

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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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