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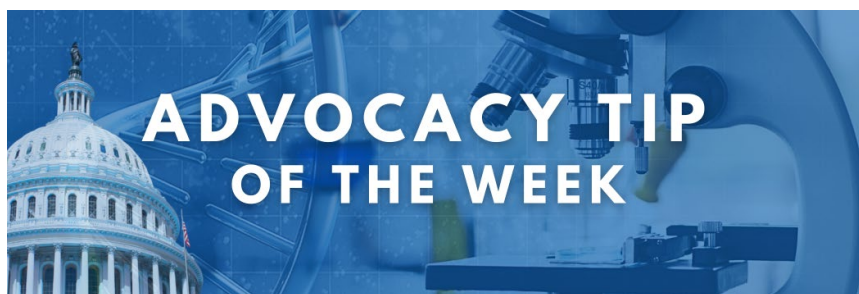
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NIH Policy Changes



Staying informed empowers you to be a stronger, more effective advocate for scientific research. Right now, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is undergoing a wave of significant policy changes and has recently announced a new strategy to [align priorities and funding approaches](#). In a previous update, we flagged an NIH Request for Information (RFI) on potential new policies limiting allowable publication costs. However, other changes have already been implemented. For example, [NOT-OD-25-132](#) indicates that individual PIs will be limited to a maximum of six NIH application submissions per calendar year, starting September 25, 2025. Stay ahead of the rapidly changing NIH landscape by [subscribing](#) to their [Notices of NIH Policy Changes](#), comment on RFIs as an advocate for orthopaedic research, and remember to share your insights with your colleagues and institutions.

The [Advocacy Tip of the Week](#) is produced by Ryan Tomlinson, PhD and Sade Williams Clayton, PhD of the ORS Public Outreach Committee. This regular feature will provide you with

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quick and simple actions you can take to advocate for and promote scientific research. If you have a tip you would like to contribute, please email ryan.tomlinson@jefferson.edu.

Abstracts Due Today for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting



Abstracts are due today at 11:59 PM Central for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. The Annual 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. Don't miss out on your opportunity to help shape the content of our organization's most important event. Submit your abstract today.

[Submit Your Abstract](#)

The call for submissions is open for the Business Innovation Competition (BIC) at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. The Business Innovation Competition will provide the opportunity for those with a great idea in the field of musculoskeletal research to validate the market potential of their technology and develop a commercialization plan through expert mentorship and feedback to assist in translating their ideas from bench to market. This program is ideal for early-stage companies, clinicians, researchers, and students of all levels. All participants are required to submit an **Executive Summary, which will be due October 10.**

[Submit Your Executive Summary](#)

Award Opportunities - Submissions Due Today



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.

Due Today - [The ORS/RJOS Young Female Investigator Grant](#) is 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 today, August 25.**

Due Today - [ORS/OREF Travel Grants in Orthopaedic Research Translation](#) provide 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 today, August 25.**

Due Today - [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 today, August 25.**

Due Sunday - 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 this Sunday, August 31.**

[The William H. Harris, MD Award](#) is 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)*. **Submission due date extended until September 1.**

[The ORS/OREF Distinguished Investigator 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.**

[The Farshid Guilak Outstanding Achievement in Mentoring Award](#) celebrates the commitment of outstanding mentors in the ORS community who promote the success of new investigators in the pursuit of independent orthopaedic research. This *Outstanding Achievement in Mentoring Award* was renamed in recognition of Dr. Guilak's vast contributions in helping musculoskeletal researchers to advance their careers. **Nominations are due September 26.**

[The Marshall R. Urist, MD Award](#) is a \$5,000 award that honors an investigator who has a sustained ongoing body of focused research in tissue regeneration as it relates to the musculoskeletal system. **Submissions are due September 26.**

[ORS Fellows](#) have demonstrated exemplary service and leadership, substantial achievement, expert knowledge, and significant contributions to the ORS, its governance, and the field of musculoskeletal research. Fellows will represent ORS as the thought leaders and topic experts in their respective disciplines. **Submissions are due September 30.**

The ORS Meniscus Section proudly presents the inaugural [ORS Meniscus Momentum Award](#) to honor a mid-career investigator who has demonstrated impactful research contributions to the meniscus field, as well as excellence in collaboration, mentorship, innovation, and service to the ORS Meniscus Section. **Submissions are due November 10.**

[Read About All Awards](#)

Join Us for a Webinar on Animal Models



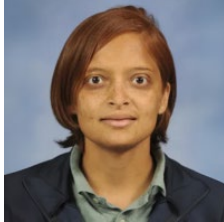
Join us for a webinar which will provide an overview of large and small animal models for tendon research. The discussion will compare and contrast existing models in the context of replicating the clinical disease process, in both veterinary and human settings, and will show how selecting an animal model relies heavily on specific research questions. Webinars are free for ORS members.

**Animal Models for Tendon Research:
Comparative Considerations for Optimizing Translational Validity**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

The Speakers:

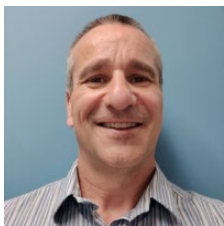


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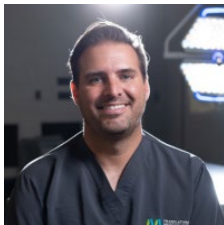
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The ORS Preclinical Models Research Section

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Local Outreach and Networking



The ORS Ambassadors promote our organization and musculoskeletal research by hosting and attending various networking events throughout the world. Last week, the ORS was part of *FrameWORX: The Future of Musculoskeletal Health* in Winona Lake, IN. This event was hosted by member Melissa Kacena, PhD. ORS Ambassadors Associate Chair Michael David, PhD won second place at the poster session and met with attendees. ORS Board 1st Vice President, Hicham Drissi, PhD (pictured at podium), spoke at the event.

On August 14, ORS Ambassador, Ke Song, PhD (pictured, center) hosted a Happy Hour networking event in Pittsburgh, PA during the American Society of Biomechanics 2025 Meeting. We had over 70 attendees at this event, including ORS Board Treasurer, Robin Queen, PhD (pictured, left) and ORS Board President, Suzanne Maher, PhD (pictured, right).



ORS Ambassadors are currently involved with numerous events. Click on any of the following for more information or to register (where applicable).

Sundance, UT - [ORS Ambassador Regional Symposium Poster Session](#)

Part of SOARS, held in conjunction with the co-located annual Summit hosted by Summit Brain, Spine and Orthopedics.

September 12, 2025, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Sundance Resort, 8841 N. Alpine Loop Road, Sundance, UT 84604

Host: Anton Bowden, PhD - Chair, ORS Ambassadors

There is no charge for registration or to attend the SOARS symposium poster session. (There is a charge of \$199 to attend the full Summit conference.)

New York, NY - [New York City Networking Event](#)

A networking event in NYC with rooftop views, drink tickets, free food, and giveaways.

September 18, 2025, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Bella Union Rooftop Bar, 411 3rd Ave, New York, NY 10016

Hosts: Irina Heggli, PhD - ORS Ambassador, and Gabriella Bond, MS - ORS Member

The RSVP list has reached capacity, however, you can still join the waitlist.

Aurora, CO - [ORS Art x Science Competition](#)

Celebrate the intersection of creativity and science at our image competition, held during the CU Orthopedic Research Symposium.

October 22, 2025, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, 1890 N. Revere Ct., Aurora, CO 80045

Hosts: Michael David, PhD - Associate Chair, ORS Ambassadors, and Honey Hendesi, PhD - ORS Ambassador

No registration required.

[Learn More](#)

The Call for Abstracts is Open for the PSRS Symposium

Philadelphia Spine Research Society (PSRS) Symposium

Friday, November 7, 2025 | University of Delaware, Newark, DE

The call for abstract submissions is now open for the 2025 Philadelphia Spine Research Society (PSRS) Symposium. The event will be held on Friday, November 7, 2025, at the University of Delaware, FinTech Innovation Hub in Newark, DE. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Philadelphia Spine Research Society's founding. The program will include keynote talks from clinicians, research leaders, scientists, and students. The meeting will cover all areas of spine research, from basic to clinical, and encompass the broad areas of development, pathophysiology, aging, pain, diagnostics, and therapeutics.

[Submit Your Abstract for PSRS](#)

OREF Grant, Award and Fellowship Opportunities



OREF has a variety of funding, educational and award opportunities available, including support for NIH K Award recipients, recognition for outstanding research, and leadership skill development. Visit the OREF website for more information.

[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.

[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](#)

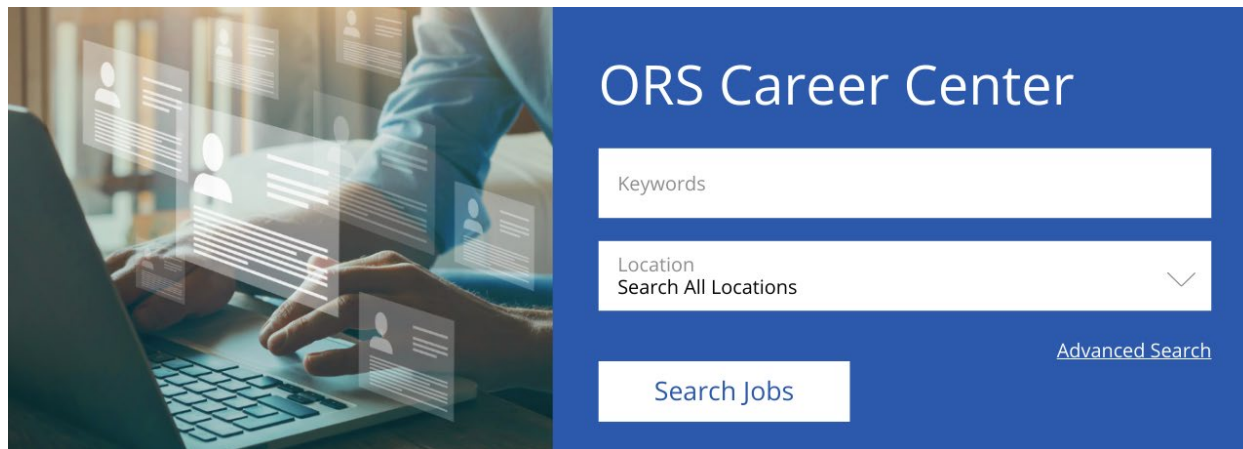
ORS Sweaters Available



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

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

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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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