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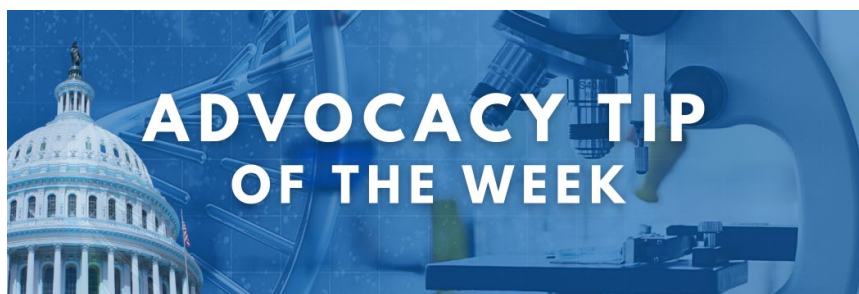
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Extension on K99/R00 Eligibility



Termination of the [NIH MOSAIC K99/R00 program](#), which supported early-career scientists from diverse backgrounds conducting research in NIH mission areas, was a major blow against the ongoing efforts of the ORS and other professional organizations to diversify and strengthen the American workforce. Unfortunately, many outstanding researchers receiving support from these mechanisms lost funding, mentorship, and opportunities. However, one way to support these promising young investigators is to spread the word that the NIH has announced an automatic extension of K99/R00 eligibility. Due to delays impacting grant applications in early 2025, investigators may be eligible for up to a three-receipt cycle extension. For more details, visit [NOT-OD-25-121](#). Be sure to tell early career investigators in your network about this news.

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 quick and simple actions you can take to advocate for and

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promote scientific research. If you have a tip you would like to contribute, please email ryan.tomlinson@jefferson.edu.

Join Us Wednesday for a Webinar on NIH Funding



**Navigating the New Normal:
Strategies for Success in a Shifting NIH Landscape**

This Wednesday, September 17, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Central

As many have experienced firsthand, and heard echoed across our research community, there is a growing concern over the unpredictability of funding decisions (i.e., grants being withdrawn, not funded, funding abruptly terminated, budget issues, etc.), evolving review criteria, and the psychological toll this current landscape has taken on investigators. This focused, solution-oriented webinar discusses demystifying recent shifts in NIH/NSF priorities and processes, practical strategies for preparing resilient grant applications amid uncertainty, and exploring how US-centric changes affect the global research landscape. We aim to foster candid discussion about setbacks and perseverance and encourage members of all career stages, especially early and mid-career researchers, to attend and join the conversation. Webinars are free for ORS members.

Speakers:



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Aditi Martin, PhD

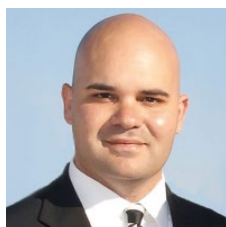
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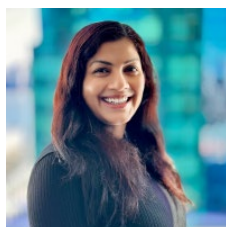
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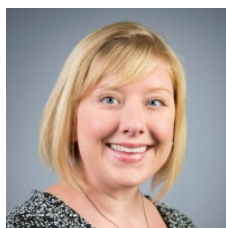
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Also Coming Soon:

A Tendon-cy to Heal:

Regenerating Tendons and Ligaments in Zebrafish

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

This webinar will present state-of-the-art research in tendon and ligament regeneration using the zebrafish model system. Thomas Schilling, PhD will introduce zebrafish as a model system and the advantages it offers to studying the intricacies of tendon and ligament cell biology. Jenna Galloway, PhD and Joanna Smeeton, PhD will present on tendon and ligament regeneration.

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The ORS Tendon Research Section

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Meniscus Matters: The Asian Chapter

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Central

As part of our continued efforts to advance the global science of meniscus research, the ORS Meniscus Research Section launches the next installment of our webinar series focusing on clinical standards in meniscus repair in the USA and Japan. This session will bring together leading clinicians from both countries to compare treatment approaches, share best practices, and foster collaboration. Creating a platform for dialogue across borders strengthens global connections and inspires new directions in clinical care and research for the meniscus community.

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Biostatistics Webinar on Novel Methods in Musculoskeletal Research

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

Rigorous application of biostatistics in reliable clinical research ensures that conclusions drawn are valid, reproducible, and useful for improving care in orthopaedics. Xiaoxiao Sun, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Arizona, and Joel Gagnier, MSc, PhD, Associate Professor, Western University Canada will present on applied biostatistics in orthopaedic studies. They will lead a discussion on propensity score analyses in clinical research and statistical and machine learning approaches for modeling longitudinal multimodal data.

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Enter the Business Innovation Competition at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting



The call for submissions is open for the Business Innovation Competition (BIC) at 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. 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



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.

[**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](#)

Congratulations to the ORS Collaborative Exchange Grant Winners:



Jie Deng, MD



Jillian Beveridge, PhD



Svenja Illien-Junger, PhD

[Read about the work they will be doing](#) with researchers at other organizations.

JOR Editor's Pick



Exercise-Induced Changes in Knee Cartilage In Vivo: Comparing MRI Sequences

Journal of Orthopaedic Research, Published August 10, 2025

The purpose was to assess the agreement in measures of acute knee cartilage thickness and composition change after loading in clinical knee osteoarthritis (OA) between two magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) acquisition approaches:

(1) single sequence approach using quantitative double-echo in steady-state (qDESS), which allows simultaneous morphological and compositional scanning, versus (2) multi-sequence approach that captures morphology (fast spoiled gradient recalled [FSPGR] or qDESS) and composition (multi-echo spin echo [MESE]) separately. Twenty adults with clinical knee OA participated. 3T MR scans were acquired before and immediately after a 25-min treadmill walk at a standardized speed. Changes in knee cartilage thickness and T2 were assessed.

[Read More](#)

Local Outreach and Networking - This Thursday in NYC



The ORS Ambassadors promote our organization and musculoskeletal research by hosting and attending various networking events throughout the world. The Ambassadors are currently involved with numerous events. Click on any of the following for more information or to register (where applicable).

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

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

This Thursday, 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 - [7th Annual D'Ambrosia Orthopedic Symposium](#)

This event will include pre-and post-doctoral trainee presentations, two poster sessions, keynote lecture, and awards.

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

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, 1890 N. Revere Ct., Aurora, CO and via Zoom.

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

ORS Ambassador

Registration is required and a virtual attendance option is available.

[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. **Abstracts are due October 10, 2025.**

[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](#)

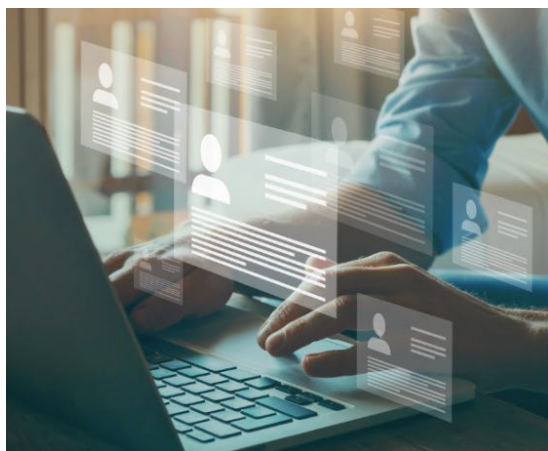
ORS Sweaters Available



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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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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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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