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Changes to the long-awaited [National Science Foundation \(NSF\) Graduate Research Fellowship Program \(GRFP\) instructions](#) now excludes a key group: second-year PhD students. As documented in a recent [Science article](#), this leaves many students entirely excluded and pressures current first-year students to complete their one, and only, application before November 14. An open letter was sent to NSF leadership and the Office of Science and Technology Policy to urge the NSF to reverse the changes. You can take action by signing the letter and commenting, particularly if you or your students were affected by eligibility changes.

[Sign the Letter](#)

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

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Join Us Wednesday for a Webinar on Meniscus Repair



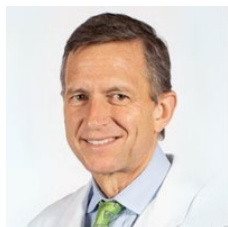
Meniscus Matters: The Asian Chapter

This 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. Webinars are free for ORS members.

Speakers and Their Topics:



Biologic Augmentation to Improve Meniscus Healing

Scott Rodeo, MD

Co-Chief Emeritus, Sports Medicine and Shoulder Service

Vice Chair of Orthopaedic Research

Co-Director, Orthopaedic Soft Tissue Research Program

Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery, Weill Medical College of Cornell

University

Attending Orthopaedic Surgeon, The Hospital for Special Surgery

Head Team Physician, New York Giants Football



Surgical Treatment Strategies for Degenerated Meniscus

Hideyuki Koga, MD, PhD

Professor

Department of Joint Surgery and Sports Medicine

Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences

Institute of Science Tokyo Japan

Organized by:



Jay Trivedi, PhD

Assistant Professor

Department of Orthopaedics

Rhode Island Hospital

Brown University



Su Chin Heo, PhD

Assistant Professor

Orthopaedic Surgery

University of Pennsylvania



Francesco Travascio, PhD

Associate Professor

Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

University of Miami

Organized by:

The ORS Meniscus Research Section

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Also Coming Soon:

**Global Perspectives on Orthopaedic Research:
Balancing Research and Clinical Practice**

Friday, October 17, 2025
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Central

There is a wealth of clinical data related to orthopaedic disease and treatment. However, there is a knowledge gap in how to formalize such data in research and communicate it with the broader orthopaedic community. In a joint effort, the ORS Scientific Communications Committee, the International Federation of Musculoskeletal Research Societies (IFMRS), and the Tanzania Orthopaedic Association (TOA), will present a webinar to address these research challenges. This second webinar in our *Global Perspectives* series will feature leading voices in the field who will provide guidance on balancing research and clinical practice. The webinar has been developed for the benefit of practicing physicians, clinicians, and orthopaedic researchers, with a special focus on the East African region.

Organized in Partnership:

**The ORS Scientific Communications Committee,
The International Federation of Musculoskeletal Research Societies (IFMRS),
and the Tanzania Orthopaedic Association (TOA)**

Supported by:

The Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA)

[Register](#)

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ORS Career Development Webinar: Navigating Industry Relationships

Wednesday, October 22, 2025
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

Academic and industry partnerships can be highly fruitful and can lead to new scientific developments. This webinar will provide guidance for academic researchers on how to forge meaningful and productive industry relationships. Orthopaedic researchers of all stages, including early career, mid-career, and established investigators are encouraged to attend.

Organized by:

The ORS Career Development Committee and the ORS Industry Alliance Committee

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Biostatistics Webinar on Novel Methods in Musculoskeletal Research

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:30 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.

Organized by:

The ORS Strategies in Clinical Research Section

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Beyond the Bench: Translating Skeletal Muscle Research with Large Animal Models

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

This webinar will discuss the complexities and challenges associated with using various animal models for skeletal muscle research. Leading experts in the field will provide best practices for designing translational studies, leveraging the strengths of different models, developing new tools and techniques for large animal research, and addressing the limitations that arise when bridging the gap between small and large animal research.

Organized by:

The ORS Preclinical Models Research Section and the ORS Skeletal Muscle Research Section

[Register](#)

Executive Summaries Due Friday for the Business Innovation Competition at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting



Submissions are due this Friday 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 is due this Friday, October 10.**

[Submit Your Executive Summary for the BIC](#)

The call for proposals is now open for the ***Industry Innovations in MSK Health Session*** which will take place at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. Following its successful launch at the 2025 Annual Meeting, this lunch-and-learn educational session will highlight specific technical advancements introduced to the market within the past two years by the orthopaedic industry. We are currently accepting proposals from all industry participants. (This is a separate call for proposals, which will be received and reviewed separately from our general Annual Meeting call for abstracts.) Each accepted proposal will be allocated 10 minutes to present during the session. **Submissions are due November 17.**

[Submit Your Proposal for Industry Innovations](#)

The Call for Late-Breaking Abstracts for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting will open next Monday, October 13. Submissions will be due November 10. Start preparing yours 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.

New Award - [The ORS Implant Section Travel Scholarship](#) provides up to \$2,000 in support for student attendance at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. This award is intended to help offset travel costs for students presenting research relevant to orthopaedic implants. **Submissions are due November 19.**

Deadline Extended - [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 October 13.**

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](#)

Call for Member Nominations for Section Leadership



INTERNATIONAL  SECTION
FRACTURE REPAIR

MENISCUS SECTION

ORTHOPAEDIC **IMPLANTS**

PRECLINICAL **MODELS**

Skeletal *Muscle* Section

Spine } Section

STRATEGIES IN
CLINICAL  **RESEARCH**

TENDON **SECTION**

The call for 2026 Member Nominations for Section Leadership is now open. Each ORS Section has various leadership positions available. This is a great opportunity for Members to get involved and assist in achieving their Section's initiatives. If you are a Section Member and you are interested in nominating yourself or a colleague for a role, please click the button below to fill out the form. If you have more than one nomination, please fill out a form for each. [CLICK HERE](#) for position descriptions. Positions are open to ORS Section Members in good standing.

Positions Available* Include:

- Chair-Elect
- Communications Chair
- Membership Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Education Chair
- Member-at-Large
- JOR Spine Liaison

**Please note that not all positions are available for all sections. See the nomination form for details.*

Nominations are due October 29, 11:59 PM Central.

[Submit Your Nomination](#)

This form is for the nomination of Section Leaders by Section Members. If you are interested in joining a Section, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Applications Due for OREF Awards



Applications are due tomorrow, October 7, for the **OREF Michael P. Kelly Sr. Leadership Fellowship Program** to aid and develop leadership skills in an orthopaedic resident's research career path; and due October 14 for the **Mentored Clinician Scientist Grant** which provides \$20,000 for the development of new clinician scientists who have demonstrated success as both a clinician and a researcher.

[Apply Today](#)

The ICORS 2025 World Congress Takes Place This Week



The International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies (**ICORS**) **2025 World Congress takes place this week, 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](#)

Abstracts Due Friday 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 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 this Friday, October 10, 2025.**

[Submit Your Abstract for PSRS](#)

Local Outreach and Networking



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 the following event:

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](#)

Maximize Your Science Communication Skills



American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) invites you to their **Virtual SciComm & Engagement Workshop**. The workshop will take place October 23 at 1:00 PM Central, and will be led by Karl Leif Bates, Science Journalist and Former Executive Director of Research Communications. This introductory science session will provide an overview of essential science communication skills, with a focus on common challenges, and effective strategies. Participants will gain a practical understanding of how to apply these skills across various public engagement avenues, including commentary writing (e.g., Op-Eds), media interviews, short videos for social media, and more.

[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 is 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](#)

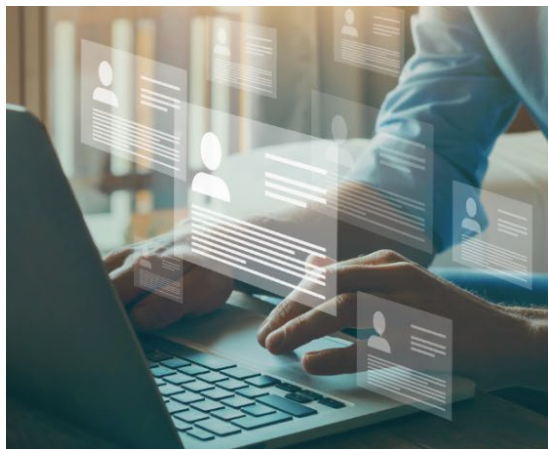
ORS Sweaters Available



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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Starts This Wednesday - October 8 - 11, 2025

Adelaide, Australia

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October 17 - 19, 2025

Rosemont, IL

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December 31, 2025

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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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