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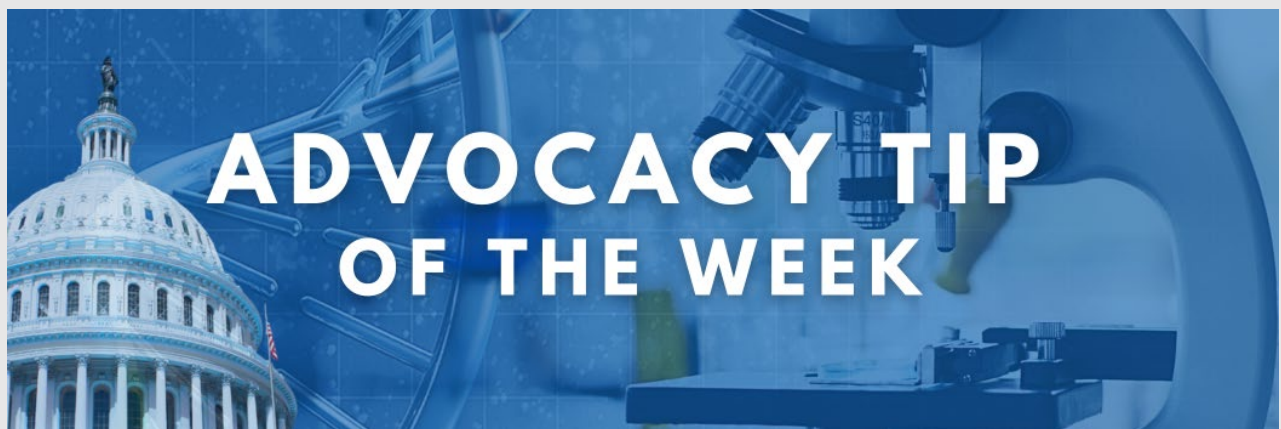
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Advocacy Award Opportunity



Do you have an advocacy idea? If you're a graduate student or postdoc with a project idea that could create dialogue with public officials, local community leaders, or the public on scientific issues, consider applying for **Research America's Civic Engagement Microgrant Program**. These \$4,000 awards are available to provide opportunities for grantees to gain hands-on experience in communication, program planning, and policy engagement that will lead to an impact in their local communities. For more information about previous awards or to apply to become part of the 2025-2026 cohort, visit the website via the link below, and be sure to share it with your circles. **Applications are due this Friday, November 21, 2025.**

[For More Info or to Apply](#)

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. [Please let us know if there is anything that you are doing](#) to advocate for science.

Registration is Now Open for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting



Now Open - Registration is now 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." Be a part of our organization's most important event. Register today.

[Register](#)

Due Today - Proposals are due today for the ***Industry Innovations in MSK Health Session*** which will take place at the 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 today, November 17.**

[Submit Your Proposal for Industry Innovations](#)

The call for applications is open for the ***3rd Annual Postdoctoral Fellow Match Poster Session*** which will take place at the Annual Meeting. This program will give ORS Trainee Members (senior graduate/medical students, and residents) the opportunity to present posters to highlight their experiences and goals for their postdoctoral training and careers. **Applications are due December 5.**

[Apply for the Postdoctoral Fellow Match Poster Session](#)

The call for applications is open for the ***6th Annual Future Faculty Poster Session*** which will take place at the Annual Meeting. This program will give ORS Post-Graduate Trainee Members (post-docs, residents, and fellows) the opportunity to present posters on their research in preparation for their first independent research faculty positions. **Applications are due December 5.**

[Apply for the Future Faculty Poster Session](#)

It's Time to Renew Your Membership for 2026

ORS MEMBERSHIP



Thank you, ORS Members, for being a valued part of our organization. Your passion, commitment, and innovation continue to drive our mission forward. We hope you've enjoyed all the benefits of being part of the ORS community—and we're thrilled to share that membership in 2026 will be even better.

Big News!

Based on your feedback, we've expanded and upgraded ORS member benefits to deliver **more value, more access, and more opportunities** than ever before. Every member will now enjoy:

- **Access to all eight ORS Research Sections** – explore new areas and collaborations without limits.
- **Full LearnORS access** – dive into a rich library of online, on-demand education and professional development resources.
- **More Annual Meeting access** – enjoy additional sessions and experiences, now included with your registration.
- **Advocacy resources** – engage in the issues shaping the future of orthopaedic research.

These new benefits—**valued at over \$1,200**—are included at every membership level. Plus, your **ORS 2026 Annual Meeting registration** now includes the most popular networking events **and lunch on Saturday and Sunday**—making it easier than ever to connect, collaborate, and recharge.

Your ORS Membership Includes:

- Discounted registration for meetings and events, including the **ORS 2026 Annual Meeting, March 27–31 in Charlotte, NC**
- Access to more events and sessions at the Annual Meeting
- Full LearnORS access: online education, webinars, and video library year-round
- Membership in **any** ORS Research Section
- Eligibility for prestigious **awards and grants**
- Online subscriptions to the *Journal of Orthopaedic Research (JOR)* and *Journal of Orthopaedic Research – Spine (JORS)*, plus opportunities to publish

- **Free** manuscript submission to *JOR*
- 20% discount on *JORS* manuscript submissions
- Networking and leadership opportunities across the orthopaedic research community
- Advocacy tools, volunteer opportunities, and access to the ORS Career Center—at discounted rates
- And much more...

You have the option to renew or join as part of the registration process for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. You can also renew or join without registering for the event.

[Renew/Join and Register](#)

[Renew/Join](#)

Join Us Wednesday for a Webinar on the Power of Patient Stories



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The Power of Patient Stories in MSK Research Development: Aligning Innovation with Real-World Needs

This Wednesday, November 19, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Central

This webinar will highlight the vital role of patient advocacy in shaping musculoskeletal research and innovation and will showcase how patient narratives – especially from those living with chronic or complex MSK conditions – can identify overlooked clinical needs, inspire new research directions, and guide more human-centered solutions. Through case studies and a collaborative framework, speakers will

demonstrate practical methods for embedding patient perspectives into translational research, clinical trial design, and technology development. Joe Musgrove, pitcher for the San Diego Padres, will share his experience recovering from his 2024 surgery and his personal rehab journey. We encourage MSK researchers, orthopaedic clinicians, tech transfer professionals, medical device entrepreneurs, patient engagement specialists, and regulatory or funding agency representatives seeking to align innovation with real-world needs to attend. Webinars are free for ORS Members.

Speakers:



Special Guest:

Joe Musgrove

*Professional Major League Baseball Pitcher
San Diego Padres*

Joe Musgrove is a Major League Baseball pitcher for the San Diego Padres, known for his exceptional skill, resilience, and leadership both on and off the field. A World Series Champion and All-Star, he made history by throwing the first no-hitter in Padres franchise history. In this special appearance, Joe will share his story about his injury, his rehabilitation, and the role of orthopaedic research and treatment.



Scott A. Sigman, MD

*Team Physician, UMASS Lowell
Fellow, World Society of Sports and Exercise Medicine
Fellow, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Chief Medical Officer, OrthoLazer Orthopedic Laser Centers
Host, The Ortho Show Podcast*



Arnel Aguinaldo, PhD, ATC, CPSS, FACSM

Professor of Biomechanics, Athletic Training, and Sport Science

Director, PLNU X Padres Biomechanics Lab

College of Health Sciences, Point Loma Nazarene University

Fellow, American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)

President, American Baseball Biomechanics Society (ABBS)

Organizer and Speaker:



Rabeeh Majidi, PhD

CEO and Co-Founder, OrthoKinetic Track

Member, The ORS Innovation Committee

Organized by:

The ORS Innovation Committee

[Register](#)

**Award Opportunities,
One with Submissions Due Wednesday**



The following awards are 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 Wednesday - [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 this Wednesday, November 19.**

[ON Foundation/ORS Education Grants](#) provide \$500 to highly motivated and talented early career investigators to attend the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting, March 27-31, in Charlotte, NC. **Submissions are due November 28.**

[The Dr. Peter Roughley Award](#), from the ORS Spine Research Section, provides \$2,000 to support travel for a mentor and trainee team researching spine, disc, and cartilage biology. The award is named in honor of the late Peter Roughley, PhD for his contributions to proteoglycan research and its role in disc and cartilage structure and function. **Submissions are due December 15.**

[The ON Foundation/ORS Orthoregeneration Award](#) provides \$1,000 to a young investigator based on outstanding tissue regeneration research that has been accepted for presentation at the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting. **Submissions are due January 10.**

[The ORS International Section of Fracture Repair \(ISFR\) Lifetime Achievement Award](#) honors a cutting-edge researcher and/or clinician scientist in the areas of fracture repair, bone regeneration, bone biology, or trauma. **Submissions are due January 12.**

[The ORS International Section of Fracture Repair \(ISFR\) Interdisciplinary Academic Exchange Grant](#) provides \$5,000 for an ORS ISFR member to visit a research lab to collaborate and exchange knowledge in fracture repair and/or bone regeneration research. **Submissions are due January 12.**

[Read About All Awards](#)

Join Us to Learn the Latest About the ORS



Annual Membership Business Meeting

ORS Members, please join us for the ORS Annual Membership Business Meeting. This is your opportunity to hear from ORS leadership as they share the financial state of the society, present membership data, and discuss what is new with the organization. You will learn more about the benefits and opportunities available to you as an ORS Member, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions or share your thoughts. We hope to see you there for this very important meeting.

ORS Annual Membership Business Meeting

December 10, 2025

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Central

[Register](#)

The Call for Abstracts is Open for ISFR 2026



ORS ISFR 19th Biennial Meeting May 6–8, 2026 | Berlin, Germany

The call for abstracts is now open for the ORS International Section of Fracture Repair (ISFR) 19th Biennial Meeting. The meeting will take place May 6–8, 2026 in Berlin, Germany, and it will be collocated with the AO Germany Conference. ISFR will foster growth and innovation in the field of fracture

repair, bone regeneration and orthopaedic trauma. This cross-disciplinary meeting will bring together scientists, clinicians, engineers, and trainees to present pre-publication work and exchange ideas that will drive advancement in the field. Submit your abstract today for a chance to present at this important meeting. Registration will open soon.

Abstracts are due January 19, 2026.

[Submit Your Abstract](#)

\$200K in New OREF Grants Open Now



\$200,000 in grant funding is now available from Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF). Applications are being accepted for funding for arthritis, shoulder, prevention of youth sports injuries research, and opportunities for K Award recipients and residents. Learn more about these programs or apply via the link below.

[Learn More or Apply](#)

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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Check out the ORS Career Center to post jobs, post a resume, create a profile, find jobs, apply, or sign up for job alerts. The Career Center offers: Career Coaching, Resume Writing, Reference Testing, and a Career Learning Center. Check out this important resource today.

[Visit the ORS Career Center](#)

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.

[Find or Post Events](#)

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January 19, 2026

[ORS 2026 Annual Meeting](#)

March 27 - 31, 2026

Charlotte, NC

[The ORS International Section of Fracture Repair \(ISFR\) 19th Biennial Meeting](#)

May 6 - 8, 2026

Berlin, Germany

[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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