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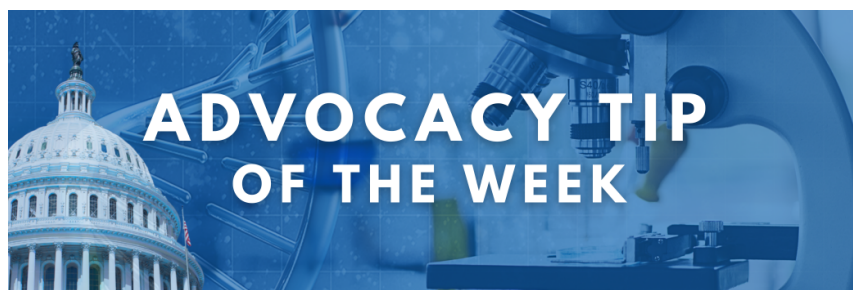
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Advocate for Indirect Research Costs



Indirect costs may not grab headlines, but they're essential to keeping our nation's research enterprise running. Earlier this year, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced a cap of indirect costs at 15%, although that has since been walked back. Nonetheless, this issue isn't going away. Rather than reacting after decisions are made, it's time to engage proactively. The Joint Associations Group (JAG) has introduced the Financial Accountability in Research (FAIR) model, a transparent, accountable framework developed by research experts to address policymakers' concerns. The Association of American Universities has produced a 3-minute explanatory video on the model, which we share with you here:

[View the Video](#)

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 Open for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting



Registration 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." Be a part of our organization's most important event. Register today.

[Register](#)

For those who submitted ~~Late-Breaking Abstracts~~, please note that acceptance notices will be sent on Wednesday, December 3.

[View the Schedule-at-a-Glance](#)

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](#)

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](#)

It's Time to Renew Your Membership for 2026

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](#)

Award Opportunities, One with Submissions Due Friday



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 Friday - [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 this Friday, November 28.**

Extended - [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 December 12.**

[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



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](#)

Innovation Spotlight



Meet Randa Mudathir, MSc. Randa is the CEO and Co-Founder of NovaSonix Healthcare Inc. She is the 2024 First Place Winner of the ORS Business Innovation Competition Award. Randa completed her master's at Western University in Medical Biophysics, where her work bridged medical imaging and biomedical innovation. Through NovaSonix Healthcare, Randa is transforming MSK imaging with the MSKNovaVue, an attachment that turns a standard ultrasound machine into a real-time 3D scanner. Learn more about Randa and her work via the link below.

[Meet Randa](#)

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JOR Editor's Pick



Influence of Age on Fracture Healing in Young and Middle-Aged Mice in a Proximal Femur Fracture Model

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Osteoporotic hip fractures are a considerable cause of pain and disability, particularly among the elderly. Osteoporosis causes loss of bone stability which, in turn, leads to an increased risk of fractures, especially in metaphyseal bone. Moreover, the body's capacity for healing is diminished, resulting in prolonged recovery times following these fractures. The underlying mechanisms are not fully elucidated yet. Therefore, the aim of this study was to determine the influence of age on a murine proximal femur fracture model in young and middle-aged mice and whether the model could be suitable to study the molecular mechanisms of age-related delayed fracture healing.

[Read More](#)

The Call for Abstracts is Open for ISFR 2026



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 for the event is open now.

Abstracts are due January 19, 2026.

[Submit Your Abstract](#)

[Register](#)



\$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](#)

Mark Your Calendar!

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December 5, 2025

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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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