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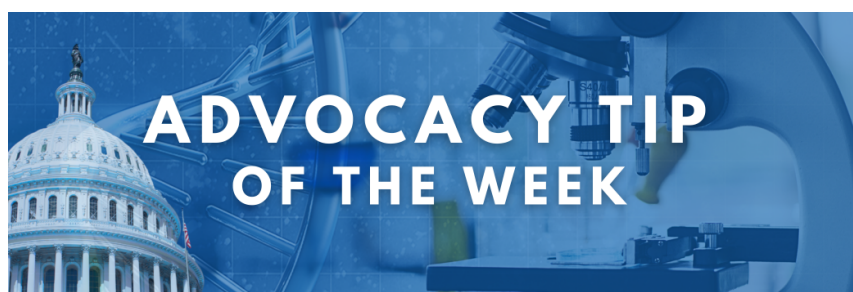
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Share Talking Points on Research This Holiday Season



Want an easy way to spark meaningful conversations about research funding this holiday season? *The New York Times* recently published a clear, data-rich explainer on how a quiet policy shift has led to fewer federal grants across nearly every field of science and medicine. The article translates complex National Institutes of Health (NIH) end-of-year funding data into accessible graphs and plain language – perfect for sharing with non-scientist friends, colleagues, or family members. Raising awareness matters: many experts warn that ongoing cuts and budget reductions could jeopardize America's long-term scientific leadership. Sharing information from this piece is a simple, but powerful, way to help others understand why stable research funding affects everyone.

[Read More](#)

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.

Register Today 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](#)

The **LearnORS Art of Grant Writing Workshop** will take place in-person at the Annual Meeting, March 27, 2026, 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm Eastern. Participants will learn about funding opportunities for research, meet funding agency representatives, and will be paired with experienced mentors who will review their proposals and provide feedback. The workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to prepare and revise a Specific Aims Page, the most important page of the grant application. Full Grant Proposals, submitted by registrants, will be reviewed during a Live Mock Study Section. **The deadline to submit a Specific Aims Page or Full Grant Proposal is January 7.**

[Learn More](#)

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 January 16.**

[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 January 16.**

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

Check out the latest **Schedule-at-a-Glance** which provides a quick overview of the sessions, topics, and events at the Annual Meeting. Please note that this schedule will be updated regularly, so make sure to check back often to make sure you have the latest information.

It's Time to Renew Your Membership for 2026

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

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

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.

[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](#)

Clinical Impact Spotlight



Meet researchers whose work is advancing patient care and strengthening the musculoskeletal research community. This spotlight features Brad Estes, PhD, President and CEO of CytexOrtho. His work focuses on developing regenerative solutions for osteoarthritis that aim to preserve and restore joints for younger, active patients who lack effective treatment options. His research bridges engineering, biology, and clinical translation, demonstrating how innovative science can move from discovery to real-world patient impact.

[Meet Brad](#)

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Webinar Recordings Available

Our 2025 webinar series is now over, and we would like to thank everyone who presented and attended. This year, ORS hosted 1,520 registered participants over 26 different webinars which included scientific and career development sessions, virtual social hours, a Q&A with the Board, and many more. We are currently planning another year of programming filled with great educational value and scientific insights from expert speakers. If you missed any of our webinars, on-demand recordings are available in the [LearnORS Video Library](#).

2025 Webinar Recordings

- Joint Ventures: Understanding the Past, Present, and Future of Elbow and Ankle Arthroplasty
- Rodent Models 101: An Introduction to Genetic and Transgenic Mouse Models
- Meniscus Matters: New Frontiers in Research
- An Introduction to Animal-Free In Vitro Models
- ISFR 3-Minute Pitch Competition
- Animal Models for Tendon Research: Comparative Considerations for Optimizing Translational Validity
- A Tendon-cy to Heal: Regenerating Tendons and Ligaments in Zebrafish
- Introduction to Orthopaedic Implant Infection
- Meniscus Matters: The Asian Chapter
- Global Perspectives on Orthopaedic Research: Balancing Research and Clinical Practice
- Biostatistics Webinar on Novel Methods in Musculoskeletal Research
- Beyond the Bench: Translating Skeletal Muscle Research with Large Animal Models
- Animal Models of Aging 101

2025 Career Development Webinar Recordings

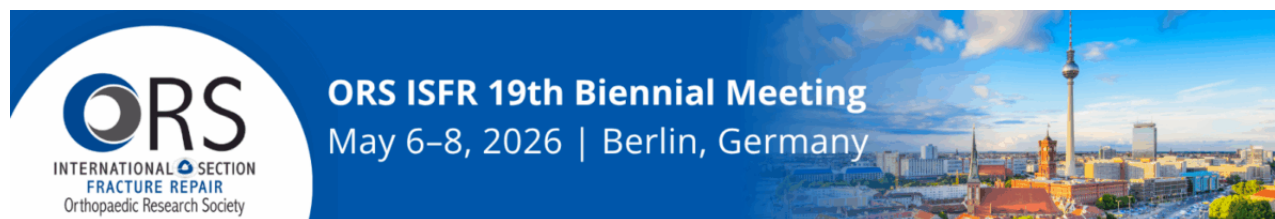
- How to Construct an Effective CV
- Growing Your Career with ORS: Engaging and Empowering our Asian Colleagues
- Compassionate Leadership Summer Series: From Burnout to Balance
- Compassionate Leadership Summer Series: Confident, Compassionate, and Aligned Leadership
- Musculoskeletal Research at the VA
- Global Perspectives on Orthopaedic Research: Collecting and Publishing Orthopaedic Data
- Navigating the New Normal: Strategies for Success in a Shifting NIH Landscape
- Navigating Industry Relationships
- The Power of Patient Stories in MSK Research Development: Aligning Innovation with Real World Needs

2025 Members Only Webinars

- New Member Orientation
- Q&A with the Board

[View the Video Library](#)

The Call for Abstracts is Open for ISFR 2026



The call for abstracts is 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 fields 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. 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](#)

Apply Now for CSCDP 2026



The call for applications is open now for the ORS Clinician Scholar Career Development Program (CSCDP). The event will take place October 1-3, 2026 in Rosemont, IL. This annual training workshop is for orthopaedic residents in their PGY2-PGY5 years, surgeons in fellowships, and junior faculty (through year three) who plan to become orthopaedic clinician scholars. CSCDP seeks the best and the brightest, and participants are selected through a highly competitive application process. Program participants will enhance their competencies needed for success as both a surgeon and a scientist: scientific knowledge, professionalism, responsible conduct of research, research skill development, management and leadership skills, and communication skills. Applications are due March 21, 2026.

Thank You for Supporting Orthopaedic Research

Thank you to everyone who donated to the ORS End-of-Year Giving Tuesday. Your kind donations will help us continue to support the orthopaedic research that will help patients affected by musculoskeletal disorders to live better lives. If you would still like to contribute to the cause that is so important to us all, our End-of-Year Giving campaign will run through the end of 2025. Thank you for all that you do.

[Donate](#)

\$200K in OREF Grants Open Now



\$200,000 in grant funding is 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.

ORS Ambassador Event in Ireland

[Submit Your Article](#)

The University of Limerick will host its 31st Annual Conference of the Section of Bioengineering of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland in Athlone, Ireland, January 23-24, 2026. The event will provide a forum for attendees to exchange expertise, watch keynote speakers, participate in interactive workshops, and network. ORS Ambassador David Hoey, PhD will be in attendance at the event to promote our organization and musculoskeletal research.

[Register](#)

[For More Information on the ORS Ambassadors](#)

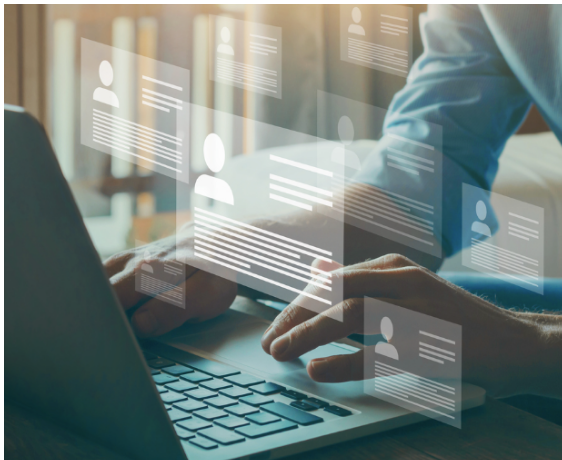
ORS Sweaters Available



This beautiful, blue, cozy 1/4 zip ORS sweater is now available. Perfect for cold weather, 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.

[Order Today](#)

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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!

[Submissions Due for JOR Special Issue: Tendon from Mechanism to Therapy – Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes](#)

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January 23 - 24, 2026

Athlone, Ireland

[ORS 2026 Annual Meeting](#)

March 27 - 31, 2026

Charlotte, NC

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May 6 - 8, 2026

Berlin, Germany

[Clinician Scholar Career Development Program \(CSCDP\)](#)

October 1 - 3, 2026

Rosemont, IL

[ORS PSRS 8th International Spine Research Symposium](#)

November 1 - 5, 2026

Skytop, PA

[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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