

Last Chance to Book Your Room for ORS 2026



Stay on track for the ORS 2026 Annual Meeting by making sure you are registered, hotel booked, and white sneakers packed.

[Book Your Room](#)

The deadline to reserve your room within the ORS Hotel Block has been extended to **tomorrow, March 10**.

[White Sneaker Campaign](#)

Wear your white sneakers with us on **Sunday, March 29** to show your support for musculoskeletal health.



[Stand up for Early Stage Investigators](#)

NIH R01-equivalent awards to ESIs have fallen from 1,587 (FY2023) → 1,423 (FY2024) → 1,144 (FY2025), with success rates dropping from ~30% to under 20%. Securing a first major grant is increasingly difficult. Advocate for junior colleagues and support institutional policies that nurture the next generation of musculoskeletal researchers.

[Gain the Confidence to Go for Big Grants](#)

Applications are now open for the ORS Young Investigator Initiative (YII), taking place **October 23–25, 2026, in Rosemont, Illinois**.

YII Young Investigator Initiative
A Grant Mentoring and Career Development Program

"I have been intimidated to apply for the big grants with my biggest ideas. I feel like I have the confidence and insider knowledge now to give it a shot. Being among ORS researchers and clinician-scientists was also refreshing and a great opportunity."

— **2025 YII Participant, Kaitlin McCreery, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Vermont**



Foot & Ankle Webinar Now Available

This webinar shares an orthopaedic surgeon's insights on foot biomechanics, covering static vs. dynamic assessment, the 3-segment, 2-column model, and how research informs improved clinical care.

Upcoming 2026 Events

ORS ISFR 19th Biennial Meeting, ORS Clinician Scholar Career Development Program, ORS PSRS International Spine Research Symposium, and more.



Up to \$30K for Early Career Scientists

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The ORS/Bethel Fellowship is now offering grants to help launch innovative studies that could transform the treatment of musculoskeletal disorders. [Apply by April 10.](#)

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