

An Important Message



Dear ORS Members,

It is an honor to serve as President of the Board of Directors of the Orthopaedic Research Society. I am deeply grateful for the trust placed in me by this community and for the strong foundation built by our past leaders, volunteers, and staff.

ORS has long been a leader in advancing musculoskeletal research, fostering collaboration, and supporting the next generation of scientists and clinicians. As I begin my term, I am committed to building on this momentum while thoughtfully addressing the evolving needs of our field and our members.

In the coming year, our focus will center on three key priorities: strengthening member engagement, advancing scientific excellence, and ensuring organizational sustainability. We will continue to invest in programs that support career development across all stages, promote interdisciplinary collaboration, and amplify the impact of musculoskeletal research on patient care and public health.

Equally important is listening. Your perspectives, ideas, and feedback are essential to shaping the future of ORS. I encourage you to stay engaged—whether through volunteering, attending meetings, contributing to our programs, or sharing your insights with leadership.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to our outgoing Board members for their dedication and service. Their contributions have positioned ORS for continued success, and we are fortunate to build upon their work.

I look forward to working alongside our Board, committees, volunteers, and staff to advance our shared mission. Together, we will continue to strengthen ORS as a vibrant, inclusive, and forward-thinking community.

Thank you for your continued commitment to ORS and to the advancement of musculoskeletal health research.

Sincerely,
Hicham Drissi, PhD
President, Board of Directors
Orthopaedic Research Society

Your Feedback is Essential

If you attended the Annual Meeting we invite you to be a part of the shaping future events and programming by completing the [Annual Meeting Survey](#) no later than April 30, 2026.



Congressional Briefing: MSK Pain

AIMBE and ASBMR are seeking individuals with active research projects on this topic to serve as speakers for the briefing. This Congressional Briefing hosted in coordination with the Longevity Science Caucus provides you with an opportunity to interact with legislative staffers and help shape how emerging science is understood and prioritized in policy discussions. [Click here to learn more about the event and apply to participate by Wednesday, April 30, 2026](#). AIMBE and ASBMR will select and provide travel support for up to two Fellows to participate in this event.

Art x Science Winners

Art x Science contest images were submitted by Annual Meeting attendees prior to the meeting and voted on by 121 voters, comprising both attendees and non-attendees. We received a total of 40 submissions this year: 22 other scientific images, 6 AI-generated images, and 12 hand-drawn images. Following are the winning top three images from each of three categories. This artistic AND scientific endeavor was brought to you by the ORS Ambassadors.

Three voters were also randomly selected to receive Amazon gift cards. Congratulations to: Jenna Taylor, Katherine Hixon, and Rachel Kemp.

Other Scientific Images

A cross-section of a skull showing internal structures in various colors (red, blue, green, yellow) against a black background.

Winner
Artist: **Mohamed Hassan**
Title: Skull is Super Cool

A microscopic image showing a dense, textured surface with various colors (green, blue, purple, red) and a central yellow area.

Second Place
Artist: **Sophie Morgani**
Title: Lipid Landscape

A grayscale image of a joint, possibly a knee, showing the internal structures and a red line indicating a specific feature.

Third Place
Artist: **Ann Thomas**
Title: Cartography of a Joint

The logo for the Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS), featuring a stylized "ORS" in blue and orange, with the full name "Orthopaedic Research Society" below it.

AI-generated Images



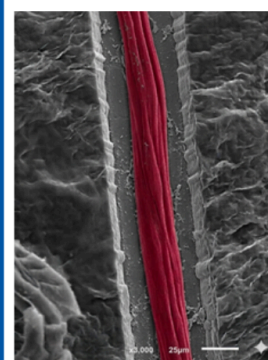
Winner

Artist: **Jamshid Tadiwala**
Title: Small Lives, Lasting Impacts



Second Place

Artist: **Melanie Haffner-Luntzer**
Title: The Missing Piece of Regeneration



Third Place

Artist: **Omar Alheib**
Title: Bio-micro actuator



Hand Drawn Images



Winner

Artist: **Ya-Shuan Chou**
Title: Between Smooth and Shattered



Second Place

Artist: **Christina Moawad**
Title: Dry bones, come alive



Third Place

Artist: **Jamshid Tadiwala**
Title: A World Beyond Need



Upcoming 2026 ORS Events



Connect with Leaders in Spine Research

Save the date for the ORS PSRS 8th International Spine Research Symposium, taking place November 1–5, 2026, in Skytop, Pennsylvania.



Go for Big Grants with Confidence

Build your grant writing skills and accelerate your research trajectory, October 23–25, 2026, in Rosemont, Illinois. Applications now open!



Call Opens for Stryker/ORS Women's Research Fellowship

The Stryker/ORS Women's Research Fellowship promotes women in science by providing an opportunity for an ORS member who identifies as a woman or gender non-conforming (non-binary, gender fluid, etc.) who is a recent PhD in science or engineering to conduct research in the field of orthopaedic technology. The Fellowship provides one year of support in the amount of up to \$60,000 for eligible applicants who are within four years of graduation with a PhD or related degree at the time of application and are full-time post-doctoral fellows conducting orthopaedic translational research with an experienced research advisor. Translational research is defined as research with a clearly articulated vision of how it can lead to improved musculoskeletal health of individuals.

[Apply For the Award](#)

Letters of Intent are Due June 12.



[Webinar Recordings](#)

Check out recordings of scientific and career development webinars.



[ORS Career Center](#)

Post jobs, post a resume, find jobs, apply, and more!



[Events Calendar](#)

Explore or submit upcoming orthopaedic-related events and deadlines.

To provide any feedback or share any tips on possible content for *ORS Connect*, please email ors@ors.org. Thank you for reading.



Orthopaedic Research Society

9400 W. Higgins Road, Ste. 225
Rosemont, Illinois 60018
(847) 823-5770
ors@ors.org

Connect with ORS on Social Media:

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter \(X\)](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[TikTok](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Bluesky](#)