

YII Young Investigator Initiative

*A Grant Mentoring and
Career Development Program*

Calling all Junior Faculty, Fellows, Post-Doctoral Researchers, and Residents!

**LIMITED SEATING
STILL AVAILABLE**

YII offers 1:1 Mentoring and a Mock Study Session!

**October 23 – 25, 2026
Rosemont, Illinois**

Apply Now

Track I of this grant mentoring and career development program provides early career researchers with guidance on constructing well-founded research proposals and securing funding for basic, translational, or clinical research both in individual and group settings. In addition, Track II is available to investigators who seek further guidance and/or wish to obtain insight from our experienced and supportive faculty mentors. This Program also includes a Mock Study Session!



Back by Popular Demand! ISFR 2026 3-Minute Research Pitch Competition

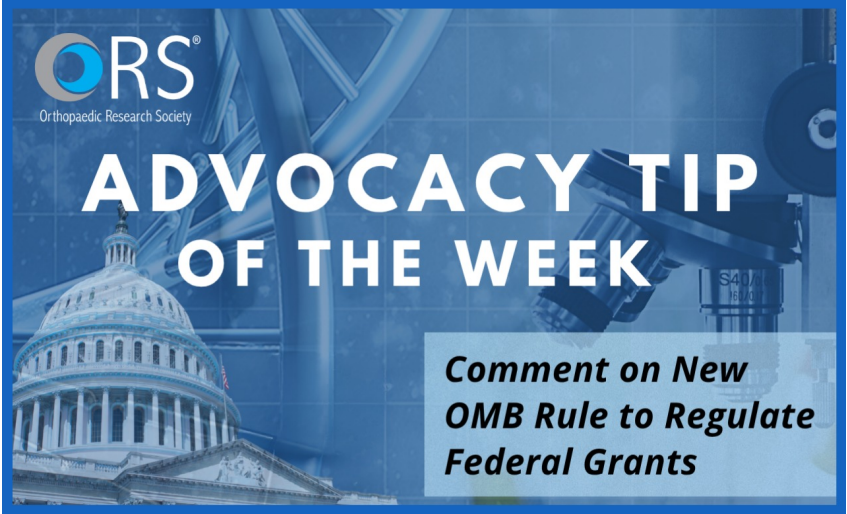
Wednesday, June 24, 2026
12 - 1:30 PM Central

Register

Join us for a fast-paced showcase of cutting-edge research in bone biology, fracture repair, trauma, and regeneration. Tune in to watch innovative research go head-to-head and see who walks away with the \$500 prize. Meet the finalists and learn more [here](#).

Your Voice Matters. Make It Heard.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has proposed a rule to overhaul federal grant review. Chiefly, this rule would require alignment with “the President's policy priorities” as the final criteria for issuing grant awards (*Section 200.205*). Additional efforts in this rule to exert control over the scientific enterprise have been summarized by the Union of Concerned Scientists [here](#).



If you have questions or want to learn more about the OMB proposal, the **American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)** is hosting a webinar on **Thursday, June 25, 2026** from **2:30 - 3:30 PM EDT** to provide an overview of the major changes under consideration, examine their potential implications for researchers, institutions, and the broader scientific enterprise, and discuss how these changes could affect the biomedical engineering community. [Register Here](#).

ORS is working with other organizations to urge withdrawal of this rule. Importantly, public comments are only being accepted until **July 13, 2026**. Making your voice heard on this matter is critical and will become a matter of public record – you can do so below.

Act Now

ORS Happy Hour Social

Hosted during the
World Congress of Biomechanics
(WCB 2026)

Monday, July 13, 2026
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Steamworks Brewpub



NYC Networking Event. September 2025.

Sponsored by the ORS Ambassador Program, this happy hour is the perfect opportunity to engage with fellow researchers and meet new international collaborators in a relaxed setting. We encourage all attendees to bring along colleagues and friends. We look forward to seeing you there!

Now in its third year, this informal gathering brings together members of the orthopaedic biomechanics community for an evening of connection and conversation. In partnership with both the Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) and the American Society of Biomechanics (ASB) Early Career Faculty Affinity Group, this event continues to grow as a welcoming space for collaboration across disciplines and borders.

After a full day of conference sessions, join colleagues and friends to unwind, expand your professional network, and enjoy a complimentary drink and appetizers, and ORS swag giveaways.

[Call for Research Interest Groups \(RIGs\)](#)

Submissions for ORS 2027 Annual Meeting, February 19-23, 2027 in San Francisco, California, are due **by this Friday, June 26, 2026**.



Empowering Innovation through Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

*Explore the exciting opportunities below to
advance your work and make a lasting impact.*

[Women's Leadership Forum Award](#)

The Women's Leadership Forum (WLF) Award is given every year to recognize a woman biologist, clinician, or engineer who, throughout her professional lifetime, has made significant contributions to the understanding of the musculoskeletal system and musculoskeletal diseases and injuries. She will have also demonstrated outstanding leadership through service to the professional community and mentorship of colleagues and trainees.

Nominations due August 14, 2026.

[ORS/RJOS Young Female Investigator Grant](#)

The Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) and the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society (RJOS) collaborate to promote and support young female investigators in field of orthopaedic research. Both organizations are aligned in their missions to promote women in orthopaedic research, science, and practice. This award offers \$1,000 to cover travel expenses and free registration to the 2027 Annual Meetings of both societies for a young female orthopaedic researcher. **Submissions close August 31, 2026.**

[ORS/OREF Distinguished Investigator Award](#)

This award was established in 2009 by the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) and ORS to honor an individual who has significantly contributed to the field, to the ORS, and the OREF through their outstanding scientific achievements and their commitment of time and service. Together, they will honor an individual with a long-standing, productive career in orthopaedic research. **Nominations due September 11, 2026.**

[ORS Adele L. Boskey, PhD Award](#)

Named for Adele L. Boskey, PhD, this award is annually given to a mid-career (between 10 and 20 years beyond their PhD, MD, DVM) ORS member in good standing who has made significant contributions to the mentorship of rising scientists, engineers, and/or clinician/scientists in the fields of orthopaedics and musculoskeletal science and engineering. **Submissions due August 14, 2026.**

[ORS Collaborative Exchange Grant](#)

This grant is to encourage and support collaborative exchanges between orthopaedic/musculoskeletal researchers at different institutions for which "the whole is greater than the sum of the parts." The ORS Awards and Recognition Committee will make the determination of how many applicants will be funded and the total dollar amount awarded to each applicant. The maximum grant amount is \$5,000 per grant. **Submissions due July 31, 2026.**

Save the Date!

The Philadelphia Spine Research Society (PSRS) and the Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) invite you to the ORS PSRS 8th International Spine Research Symposium.



Since 2011, this biennial event has brought together leading researchers, clinicians, and industry professionals from around the world. Past symposia have been highly successful, earning enthusiastic praise and positive feedback from participants.

November 1 - 5, 2026
Skytop, Pennsylvania

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