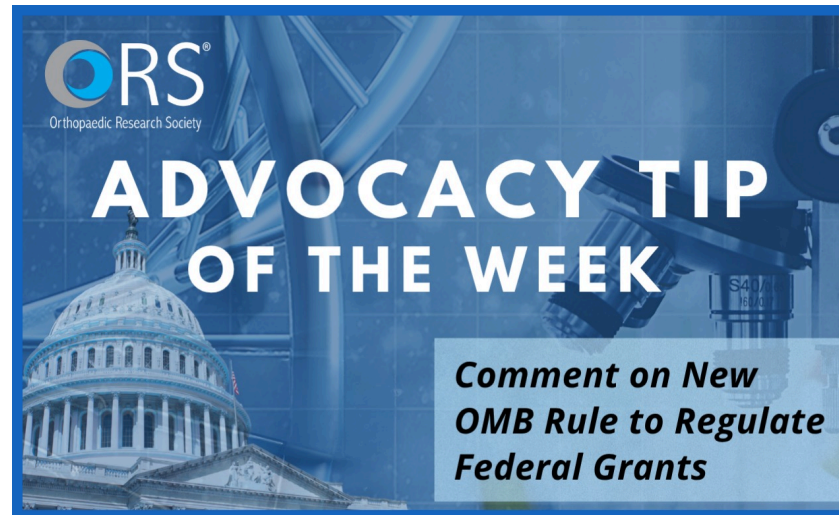


## Your Voice Matters. Make It Heard.

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](#).



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](#)

Celebrate Pride Month with

In recognition of Pride Month, we invite ORS members to join **Pride@ORS**, a community network dedicated to fostering acceptance, inclusivity, and visibility for LGBTQIA+-identifying individuals and allies throughout the Orthopaedic Research Society.



Pride@ORS supports the ORS Mission and Vision by creating meaningful professional connections across all career stages while cultivating opportunities for mentorship, collaboration, and community engagement.

### **Pride@ORS Community Network Objectives:**

- Host networking gatherings at ORS in-person meetings
- Organize virtual meet-and-greet events throughout the year
- Promote visibility and highlight the contributions of LGBTQIA+-identifying ORS members through platforms such as ORS Connect

Whether you identify as LGBTQIA+ or are an ally committed to fostering an inclusive scientific community, we encourage you to become involved. Together, we can strengthen our profession by creating a welcoming environment where all members feel supported, valued, and empowered to succeed.

This Pride Month, help us celebrate diversity, build connections, and advance inclusion across the ORS community by joining Pride@ORS! Email [halapeti@ors.org](mailto:halapeti@ors.org) for additional information.



### **A 2026 Perspective on Orthopaedic Implant Evaluation: Benchtop Testing and Retrieval Analysis**

**Wednesday, June 17, 2026  
12 - 1:00 PM Central**

Hosted by the Orthopaedic Implants Research Section, attendees are introduced to the current state of experimental (benchtop) testing of orthopaedic implants and will gain an overview of modern methods and regulatory considerations, and the reality of balancing innovation with established standards. In addition, discussion includes the challenge of associating experimental methods with clinically observed failure modes. All attendees who are active in either developing or applying test methods associated with implants are encouraged to attend.

**Register**

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

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

Join us for a fast-paced showcase of cutting-edge research in bone biology, fracture repair, trauma, and regeneration. Finalists will have just three minutes to present their work using only one slide, highlighting what they are working on and why it is important to bone biology, bone regeneration, fracture repair, trauma, or related fields. After each presentation, two minutes will be reserved for one question from the audience or judges. Tune in to watch innovative research go head-to-head and see who walks away with the \$500 prize.

**Register**

### **Call for Research Interest Groups (RIGs)**

Submissions for ORS 2027 Annual Meeting, February 19-23, 2027 in San Francisco, California, are due **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.*

### Stryker | ORS Women's Research Fellowship

This opportunity promotes women in science by providing an opportunity for an ORS member who identifies as a woman or gender nonconforming (non-binary, gender fluid, etc.) who is a recent PhD in science or engineering to conduct research in the field of orthopaedic technology. **Letters of Intent due this Friday, June 12 2026.**

[Learn More and Apply Now](#)

### ORS/OREF Distinguished Investigator Award

This award was established in 2009 by the OREF and ORS to honor an individual who has significantly contributed to the field of orthopaedic research, to the ORS, and the OREF through their outstanding scientific achievements and their commitment of time and service. **Nominations due September 11, 2026.**

[Learn More](#)

### 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. Emphasis is given towards the awardee's sustained commitment to mentorship and activities that advance diversity and inclusive excellence in these fields. The awardee should have also made significant research contributions and have demonstrated leadership or capacity for leadership in the field. This award is given in recognition of Dr. Boskey's pioneering and seminal research contributions, her sustained commitment to mentorship throughout her decades-long career, and to the legacy of orthopaedic clinician/scientists, biologists, and engineering researchers and leaders that she launched. **Submissions due August 14, 2026.**

[Learn More](#)

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

[Apply Now](#)

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

This grant mentoring and career development program will provide early career researchers with guidance on constructing well-founded research proposals and securing funding for basic, translational, or clinical research. Are you a returning participant? If so, you are invited to return to review their Summary Statements, discuss next steps, and obtain further guidance from our experienced and supportive faculty mentors. **To accommodate requests for more time, we are extending the deadline to June 15th.**



### 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](mailto:ors@ors.org). Thank you for reading.



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