ORS CONNECT Newsletter

Orthopaedic Research Society

Whether your work focuses on basic, translational, computational, or clinical research, this is your chance to share your findings with the orthopaedic research community. Present your work, receive feedback from leading experts, expand your professional network, and compete for prestigious ORS awards.

Take the next step in advancing musculoskeletal research. Submit your abstract for the 2027 ORS Annual Meeting and help support the next generation of scientific discovery.

Submit by Monday, August 31, 2026

Submit Abstract

Qualified ORS Members have the opportunity to elevate their involvement and help shape the future of the Society through service on the Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction of ORS, establishing annual priorities, approving the annual operating budget, providing oversight of the Society's programs and initiatives, and ensuring that the bylaws, policies, and governance practices support the effective, efficient, and sustainable operation of the organization. Through their leadership and stewardship, Board Directors play a vital role in advancing the mission and long-term success of ORS.

Please submit your nomination(s) below. You are free to nominate yourself, as well. You may only submit one nominee for each position. In addition, Letters of Support MUST be submitted with each nomination. **Deadline to submit is Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 11:59 PM Central.**

Submit Nominations Now

Shape the Future of ORS—Volunteer in 2027

Ready to make a greater impact within the Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS)? The 2027 Call for Volunteers is now open! Submit your application by **Monday August 31, 2026, at 11:59 PM Central.**

Volunteering with ORS is an opportunity to grow as a leader while giving back to the orthopaedic research community. Whether you're looking to expand your professional network, develop new skills, collaborate with colleagues, or help guide the future of the Society, volunteer service offers a rewarding way to make a lasting contribution.

Opportunities are available across a variety of roles, including committee service, section leadership, event support, and other initiatives that advance the ORS mission. Active ORS members in good standing at all career stages and from around the world are encouraged to apply.

Complete the **2027 Call for Volunteers** form below to share your expertise, strengthen our community, and help shape the future of ORS.

Apply Here

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! View the agenda here.

Limited Seating Still Available!

Apply Now

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

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.

Registration is Open!

Register Here

Abstract Submission is Open!
Due by August 24, 2026

Submit Abstract

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Lifetime Achievement Award

Do you know a researcher whose discoveries have left a lasting impact on the spine research field? Nominate them for the ORS/PSRS Lifetime Research Achievement Award.

This award was created in 2013 by the Philadelphia Spine Research Society (PSRS) to honor an investigator who has established him/herself with sustained and long-lasting contributions to spine research.

Nominations due by September 1, 2026

Submit Nomination

Empowering Innovation through Awards, Grants, & Fellowships

Explore the exciting opportunities below to advance your work and make a lasting impact. Learn more about each at the links below.

Marshall R. Urist, MD Award
This $5,000 award recognizes an investigator for sustained excellence in musculoskeletal tissue regeneration research. The recipient will present their work at the ORS 2027 Annual Meeting.
Submissions due September 25, 2026

Fred Nelson Scientific Communication Award
This award recognizes ORS members' excellence in scientific communications. Recipients will receive a commemorative plaque presented at the ORS Annual Meeting.
Submissions due September 25, 2026

Farshid Guilak Outstanding Achievement in Mentoring Award
Recognize an exceptional mentor and help celebrate the commitment of mentors in the ORS community who promote the success of new investigators.
Submissions due September 25, 2026

Women's Leadership Forum Award
Nominations due Aug 14, 2026.

ORS Adele L. Boskey, PhD Award
Submissions due Aug 14, 2026.

Early Career Outreach Travel Award
Submissions due September 7, 2026

William H. Harris, MD Award
Submissions due August 31, 2026.

ORS/JOS Young Female Investigator Grant
Submissions close August 31, 2026.

Dr. Peter Roughley Award
Submissions due August 31, 2026.

ORS/OREF Distinguished Investigator Award
Nominations due September 11, 2026.

New OREF Funding Opportunities

OREF is pleased to announce the availability of $495,000 in new funding. Applications are now available for OREF signature grants, which includes an opportunity for residents, early-stage investigators, and pain management research.

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Click here to view details about these and other funding opportunities.

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Events Calendar
Explore or submit upcoming orthopaedic-related events and deadlines.

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