RIG Applications for the Annual Meeting Due Friday

Be a part of history when ORS celebrates **70 Years of Advancing Research to Keep the World Moving**, February 2-6 in Long Beach, CA. Mark your calendars and start preparing your abstract submissions, RIG proposals, and award applications. Some of these will be due within the coming weeks. You can find more information in the following links.

**Applications are due this Friday, August 11 for Research Interest Groups (RIGs)** to take place at the Annual Meeting. RIGs foster the thoughtful exchange of ideas within the global multi-disciplinary community of the ORS by providing the opportunity to engage in informative, transformative, and live discussion with colleagues in a specific area of musculoskeletal research, whether basic, applied, or clinical. To explore content that is complementary or different to the ORS Annual Meeting, RIGs are encouraged to focus on unique approaches, methodologies, diseases, or connections that inspire brainstorming across our multi-disciplinary groups.

**Apply to Have a RIG at the Annual Meeting**

Abstract submissions are open for the 2024 ORS Annual Meeting. For more information, guidelines on submission, and a list of topics, click the link below. Abstract submissions will be open until Monday, August 28.

**Submit Your Abstracts**
Open Door 2024 will take place February 2, 2024 as part of the Annual Meeting. The goal of Open Door is to get students excited about the possibility of future careers in the musculoskeletal sciences, introducing them to a wide variety of professional pathways and work performed by ORS members. If you are interested in supporting or assisting with ORS Open Door 2024, please contact Meghan McGee-Lawrence at mmcgeelawrence@augusta.edu by August 31.

Get Involved with Open Door

Awards and grant submissions are now being accepted for the 2024 Annual Meeting. CLICK HERE for a full list of awards, with descriptions and application submission information.

ORS Awards Spotlight

Spotlight on the ORS/RJOS Young Female Investigator Grant: The Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society (RJOS) and the Orthopaedic Research Society are collaborating to promote and support young female investigators in the field of orthopaedic research. Both the RJOS and the ORS are aligned in their missions to promote women in orthopaedic research, science, and practice. This award represents the synergy of female leadership in the act of inspiring the younger generation of women in the field. The RJOS and ORS will present two awards to female trainees whose abstract is accepted to the ORS Annual Meeting, which will take place February 2-6, 2024 in Long Beach, CA. The deadline for submissions is August 28, 2023.

Submit Your Application

Join Us for Conversations with Kurt
Each month, ORS Board President, Kurt Hankenson, DVM, MS, PhD presents an informal forum for members to engage directly on important topics, and to ask questions about the ORS and the field of orthopaedic research. Each *Conversations with Kurt* event will center on a specific topic and offer plenty of opportunity for members to bring up matters that are most important to them. Join us for the next Conversation on August 24 at 9:00 am Central Time.

Join the Conversation

Video recordings of previous *Conversations with Kurt* sessions are available to ORS members through the Memberclicks portal. Just [click here](#) and look for the last item under Quick Links on the right side of your page.

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LearnORS, the online education platform from the ORS, offers a complete learning experience in a format designed to meet learners’ educational needs. Each LearnORS course delivers eLearning training materials from one online location. ORS Members receive a discounted rate for all courses.

Users can now purchase multiple licenses without immediately identifying courses. This is a great new option for lab purchases.

Residency programs and newly matched medical students are encouraged to take advantage of our special LearnORS Residency Bundle. This is a bulk option for a residency program to purchase discount access to all LearnORS courses for as many residents as they have in their program. Individuals can also purchase the courses offered in the Residency Bundle, or create a custom bundle to fit their specific educational needs at a discounted price.

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*LearnORS Presents a Special Virtual Town Hall:*

**ORS DEI Town Hall - Disability Awareness**

Wednesday, August 23, 2023
Aligned with the ORS core values of diversity, equity, and inclusion, the ORS DEI committee will hold the first Disability Awareness Town Hall. The Town Hall will acknowledge the importance of including scientists with disabilities in our diverse community. Attendees will hear from ORS members about their challenges and unmet needs in an effort to improve the understanding of ORS leadership about existing gaps so they can take steps to increase awareness, enhance inclusion, and improve accessibility within the ORS.

**Speaker:** Honey Hendesi, PhD, Instructor at the Department of Orthopedics, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

*Presented by the ORS DEI Committee*

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**$520,000 in Research Funding from OREF**

OREF has announced up to $520,000 in funding opportunities available for career development, new investigator and trauma research, as well as support for NIH K Award recipients, and a new fellowship opportunity for residents. Grants are available from $20,000 to $300,000 to eligible applicants. Please note that awards requiring a letter of intent are due on Thursday, August 10. Those awards include: the Career Development Grant, the New Investigator Grant, and the OREF/OTA Trauma Research Grant.

*Learn More*

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**Find or Post Events on the Orthopaedic Events Calendar**
An orthopaedic events calendar has been added to the ORS website. The events listed are of potential interest to those in the orthopaedic community. ORS Members are welcome to submit applicable events at no charge through the Submit Event button at the top of the calendar on the site. Institutions or sponsors interested in posting an event are welcome to do so in exchange for a donation to ORS. For information, please email ors@ors.org.

Find or Post Events

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**Mark Your Calendar!**

*ORS 2024 Annual Meeting*

- **Last Day to Submit RIG Applications**
  - August 11, 2023

- **Last Day to Submit Ideas to the NIH Request for Information**
  - August 11, 2023

*ORS 2024 Annual Meeting*

- **Hotel Information and Booking Opens**
  - August 14, 2023

*LearnORS Presents:*

- **ORS DEI Town Hall - Disability Awareness**
  - August 23, 2023, 12:00 pm Central

- **Conversations with Kurt**
  - August 24, 2023, 9:00 am Central

*ORS 2024 Annual Meeting*

- **Abstract Submissions, Awards, and Grants Close**
  - August 28, 2023

- **Submissions for the William H. Harris, MD Award are Due**
  - August 31, 2023

*2023 Clinician Scholar Career Development Program (CSCDP)*

- **September 21 - 23, 2023**
  - Rosemont, Illinois

*The Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons*

- **Nominations Due for the Nicolas Andry Lifetime Achievement Award**
  - September 30, 2023

*ORS 2024 Annual Meeting*

- **Registration Opens**
  - October 2, 2023

*NASS 2023 Annual Spine Meeting*

- **October 18-21, 2023**
  - Los Angeles, CA
ORS 2024 Annual Meeting
February 2 - 6, 2024
Long Beach, California
Information and Registration Coming Soon

ORS Tendon Conference 2024:
Mechanism to Therapy – Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes
May 30 - June 1, 2024
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
More Information Coming Soon

Dates, Events, and People in Orthopaedic History
We would like to continue to note important people, dates, and accomplishments in the history of orthopaedics in ORS Connect. If you have something or someone that should be recognized, particularly around days, weeks, or months of a specific dedication, please click here to submit your information.