The Cost of Registration Goes Up Tomorrow for the 2024 Annual Meeting

Be a part of history when ORS celebrates 70 Years of Advancing Research to Keep the World Moving at the 2024 ORS Annual Meeting, February 2-6 in Long Beach, CA. The meeting brings the orthopaedic community together for five days of workshops, learning sessions, networking, and advocacy. Attendees from many disciplines and career levels will network and learn about the latest innovations in orthopaedics. Registration for the 2024 Annual Meeting is open.

Please Note: Registration rates will go up by $125 per attendee tomorrow, Tuesday, January 9. To register at the lowest rate, be sure to act now.

Maximize your 2024 ORS Annual Meeting experience by attending a special Know Before You Go webinar, January 17, at 11:00 Central. This session will provide guidance on how to make the most of your time at the meeting, what you can expect, and how to best engage as a presenter or participant. We will also discuss the events at the Annual Meeting, as well as research sections, logistics, opportunities to connect, membership, what to pack, and much more. Join us to make your ORS Annual Meeting experience all it can be. Bring your questions.
Hotel reservations are now being accepted. Reserve your room today to make sure you secure the right room for you. Each option is located near the event site. Be sure to book your room soon to take advantage of the discounted ORS room block rate. **The deadline for hotel reservations is Friday, January 19, 2024**, and rooms are subject to availability.

**Please Note:** Some members have reported receiving spam emails from sources unrelated to our hotel block or related partners. Please disregard these emails and make sure to only book your hotel using our preferred partners at Passkey via the link below. If there is any doubt about the hotel information you are receiving, please contact us at **ors@ors.org** before booking.

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**Looking for a Roommate for the Annual Meeting?**
If you are looking for a roommate for the Annual Meeting, check out our Facebook group page to connect with others who might also be looking. (Note that members who choose to room together at the ORS Annual Meeting do so at their own discretion. Neither the ORS, the Annual Meeting hotels, Long Beach Convention Center, sponsors, exhibitors, nor any party associated with the event assumes any responsibility for any activity which may occur while residing at the event).

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**Award Spotlight**

The following award submission deadlines are due today and Wednesday:

**2024 Spine Section Diversity Stipend Awards**
**Deadline for submissions: Today, Monday, January 8**
The goal of these awards is to increase diversity and equitable access to spine research. **CLICK HERE** for more information or to submit a nomination.
ORS members, it is time to cast your vote to fill the open seats on the ORS Board of Directors. You can vote for one candidate in each position. The ORS Nominating Committee acted in a fair and impartial manner in preparing the ballot and followed a well-defined selection process. The committee is thankful to the membership for submitting all the candidate nominations. The candidates who met the selection criteria and accepted the nomination were placed on the ballot.

Please vote for one candidate for each of the following positions:

**Second Vice President:**
A. Hicham Drissi  
B. Johnny Huard

**Treasurer:**
A. Andrew Kuntz  
B. Robin Queen

**Member-at-Large:**
A. Amy McNulty  
B. Martin Stoddart

**Section Council Chair:**
A. Lisbet Agneta Haglund  
B. Markus Wimmer

**Research Council Chair:**
A. Karin Payne
Advocacy Council Chair:
A. Jaimo Ahn
B. Richard Loeser

The photo and biosketch of each candidate are included on the voting form.

The deadline to cast your vote is Friday, January 19, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. CST.

Thank you for your participation in this very important process.

Vote for Open Board Seats

New Investigator Toolkit from LearnORS

LearnORS has just launched the New Investigator Toolkit. The toolkit addresses common gaps in training that surface during the launch of an independent laboratory. These online sessions bring together early and mid-career investigators for panel discussions on the development of critical "soft-skills" such as cultivating mentoring skills, building your lab brand, and strategic planning through different career stages. In addition, sessions of budgeting and peer-review provide tangible tips for these important aspects of managing your lab and building your career. This course is available now, online, on demand, on your own schedule.

Learn More

Renew Your ORS Membership
Renew your membership for 2024 to take advantage of all the benefits that come from being a part of the ORS. By renewing, you'll stay connected with a dynamic network of orthopaedic professionals, gain access to cutting-edge research and industry insights, forge valuable connections through networking opportunities, enhance your personal and professional growth with tailored webinars, and unlock exclusive perks such as special discounts and offers available exclusively to ORS members. When renewing, please also consider joining an ORS Section. An ORS Section is a small, intimate community of like-minded peers that promote the common interest of ORS members in a specific area of research related to orthopaedics.

Note: Please do not share the access information for your membership account with anyone else, even others on staff at your organization (who might be charged with renewing your membership). Doing so might compromise, even if accidentally, your account history.

The call for abstracts is now open for the ORS Tendon Conference 2024: Mechanism to Therapy - Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes. The conference will take place May 30 - June 1 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. The conference will provide a forum to present and discuss the latest research, important emerging technologies including multiomics, address the lack of robust understanding of pain in connective tissue disorders, and to highlight clinical unmet needs and the importance of clinical research. The conference will serve as a platform for mentoring trainees, fostering collaborations and driving the rigorous research to advance the field of tendon research. Abstracts submitted or presented at this meeting can also be submitted for the 2025 ORS Annual Meeting. For more information or to submit an abstract, please click the link below. Submissions must be received by March 1, 2024.
Research Funding Available from OREF

OREF is accepting applications for biologic allograft, orthobiologic, youth sports research, and supplemental support for NIH K grants. Almost $200,000 is available. Applications will be due February 8, 2024.

- **OREF/MTF Biologics Research Grant** provides $100,000 for research focused on the science of biologic – reconstruction, bone regeneration, transplantation – allografts, and including stem cells for graft transplantation.
- **OREF/AAOS Clinical Gaps Research Grant** provides $50,000 for research focused on the broad area of injectable orthobiologics for the treatment of knee osteoarthritis.
- **Prevention of Musculoskeletal Youth Sports Injuries Grant** provides $25,000 in startup funding or seed money for a new investigator conducting clinical and/or social research on the prevention of musculoskeletal youth sports injuries.
- **Mentored Clinician Scientist Grant** provides $20,000 for the development of new clinician scientists who have demonstrated success as both a clinician and a researcher. This grant allows investigators to spend dedicated time in research for a period of up to five years to develop a long and productive career in academic surgery.

Connect with ORS on Social Media

Keep up with the latest on the ORS and the orthopaedic community by connecting with us on social media. The ORS posts regularly on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (X), LinkedIn, and TikTok. Please follow us, share our posts with your connections, invite others, and tag us when you have good information to share. Together we can help spread the word far and wide about the importance of orthopaedic research.
Find Your Next Opportunity at the ORS Career Center

Check out the ORS Career Center to post jobs, post a resume, create a profile, find jobs, apply, or sign up for job alerts. The Career Center offers: Career Coaching, Resume Writing, Reference Testing, and a Career Learning Center. Check out this important resource today.

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. This is an excellent opportunity to spread the word about your orthopaedic-related events, ensuring they reach a wider and engaged audience.
Mark Your Calendar!

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This Wednesday, January 10, 2024

*The ORS 2024 Annual Meeting*
**Know Before You Go Webinar**
January 17, 2024

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May 30 - June 1, 2024
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

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**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.

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