Last Call for Tendon Abstracts

The call for abstracts closes this Friday for the ORS Tendon Conference 2024: Mechanism to Therapy - Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes. The conference will take place Thursday, May 30 - Saturday, 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.

Abstract submissions must be received by this Friday, March 15, 2024.

View Photos of the ORS 2024 Annual Meeting
Photos of the ORS 2024 Annual Meeting have been posted. Be sure to take a look at the online photo gallery to relive the "greatest hits" of the event and to see if you and your colleagues, your presentations, or your favorite sessions might be in there. We already feel nostalgic about the 2024 Annual Meeting, but we are looking forward to the 2025 meeting in Phoenix, AZ. Check out the 2024 event photos through the link below.

**View Photos**

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**ORS 70th T-Shirts Now Available to Order**

Get your own special, limited edition, commemorative **ORS - 70 Years Advancing Research to Keep the World Moving** T-Shirt. This is a great way to share your support for the organization and your enthusiasm for musculoskeletal research. Order them for your team and let the world see how fashionable orthopaedic research can be! Just click the link below, and with a $20 donation to ORS and shipping, we will send you a shirt.

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**Open Call for JOR Editorial Review Board Members**
The Journal of Orthopaedic Research (JOR) is issuing an open call for Editorial Review Board Members to provide peer reviews for journal articles. The journal seeks ORS members who are willing to make a two-year commitment to review for the journal. The reviewers will be critical in helping the JOR to address its need for high quality and timely peer reviews of cutting-edge research articles. JOR Editorial Review Board members will be asked to: 1) respond promptly to all peer reviewer invitations (accept or decline within 48 hours); 2) review up to five manuscripts per year; and 3) complete assigned peer reviews within two weeks. In return for your participation as a member of the Editorial Review Board, you will be recognized by name and location in the journal headings, and you will be invited to the annual Orthopaedic Research Society Leadership Reception.

ORS members who wish to join the JOR’s Editorial Review Board should write to the editorial office at JOReditorial@wiley.com. Please provide any information relevant to your experience (CV, list of publications, etc.).

LearnORS Presents Two Upcoming Webinars

Overcoming the Stigma of Mental Illness
Just like physical health, mental health exists on a dynamic spectrum. That spectrum can range from peak mental health through normal stress, distressed states, diagnosable diseases, and even crisis. Many studies have now demonstrated how common mental health struggles are among academics and medical professionals. Join us on March 20 at 12:00 PM Central for a special webinar which will address issues related to mental health. The webinar, presented by LearnORS, includes firsthand accounts from your peers.

In partnership with the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Committee and Women’s Leadership Forum at ORS, Dragonfly Mental Health interviewed six prominent members of our society about their own experiences, or about their support of others, with mental health struggles.

**Webinar: Overcoming the Stigma of Mental Illness**
**March 20, 2024**
**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Central**

This event will include a rebroadcast of a video originally recorded in 2023. There will be an opportunity to ask questions or provide comments.

*Disclaimer: In the video, participants openly discuss mental illness, depression, anxiety, mood disorders, stress disorders, eating disorders, trauma, medication, talk therapy, electroconvulsive therapy, and suicide. Please prioritize your wellbeing if these may be difficult for you to hear about.*

**Strategies for Mentoring and Teaching Scientific Communication**

Scientific communication is essential for trainees to progress into research careers, but mentors are not often trained in effectively facilitating the development of trainee scientific communication skills. In this webinar, presented by LearnORS, experts will present tips for effectively mentoring trainees in scientific communication, including speaking, presenting, and writing. Presentations will be followed by hands-on practice exercises you can use with your trainees.

**Webinar: Strategies for Mentoring and Teaching Scientific Communication**
**March 27, 2024**
**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Central**

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The ORS Career Development Committee
Apply Now for the
2024 Clinician Scholar Career Development Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Clinician Scholar Career Development Program (CSCDP). The event will take place October 3-5 in Rosemont, IL. This annual two-day training workshop is for orthopaedic residents in their PGY2-PGY5 years, surgeons in fellowships, and junior faculty (through year three) who have the potential and desire to become orthopaedic clinician scholars. Clinician scholars advance the field of orthopaedics through innovative research and peer-reviewed funding.

The CSCDP seeks the best and the brightest, and participants are selected via a highly competitive application process. The program was created in 2003 to address a growing concern over the steady decline of orthopaedic clinician researchers and to confront the lack of basic and clinical research in many residency programs.

those interested in participating in this meeting must apply by March 31, 2024.

Learn More or Apply

New Fellowship Available to Early Career Scientists
The Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) and the Orland Bethel Family Musculoskeletal Research Center (BMRC) have joined together to offer a fellowship to early career scientists. The ORS/BMRC Fellowship prioritizes support of early career scientists to produce breakthrough treatments for musculoskeletal ailments. The program will support the generation of critical preliminary data for larger grant applications, leading to breakthrough treatments for musculoskeletal diseases. Two levels of fellowship support are currently available to support translational basic science and clinical musculoskeletal research: $20,000 awards for postdoctoral scholars or medical residents, and $30,000 awards for junior faculty members.

Applications, including letters intent, are due April 15.

Learn More or Apply

Call for Abstracts is Now Open for ISFR

The call for abstracts is now open for the ORS International Section of Fracture Repair (ISFR)/Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA) Joint Meeting, which will take place October 21 - 23 in Montréal, Canada. For this year's event, ISFR is collaborating with the OTA to present the Basic Science Focus Forum (BSFF). The OTA is an international organization of orthopaedic surgeons and medical professionals dedicated to the care and treatment of patients with injuries to the musculoskeletal system, especially fractures and dislocations. Registration will open in June.

Abstracts must be submitted by May 20.

Learn More or Submit an Abstract
Introducing the Black Orthopaedic Research Network (BORN)

The newly launched Black Orthopaedic Research Network (BORN) was formed to promote and advance the careers of Black orthopaedic researchers, build collaboration and community, and mentor and retain early stage scientists. The network will reinforce the ORS Mission and Vision by creating meaningful professional connections and fostering the growth and development of the next generation of orthopaedic researchers. For more information or to join BORN, please click the link below.

Join the BORN Network

Hot Topics in Orthopaedics Newsletter

You might have seen the ORS Hot Topics in Orthopaedics newsletter. This newsletter is sent out via email every Friday and highlights key news, information, and research in the musculoskeletal field. We hope that the information provided in the newsletter is of value to you. Distribution for the email is provided through a third party partner, so if you are not seeing these emails, you might want to check your junk folder and approve the email accordingly.

About the newsletter, ORS member Rahul Gawri states, "I believe the newsletter will be beneficial to clinicians and others who might receive it and who will be encouraged to join the ORS. It has key highlights of relevant papers and it postures the ORS as both a basic and a clinical sciences society, which is great. People often think of us as pure basic science, but almost half of the members work on
translational and clinical studies. I think the newsletter is a great initiative and is a benefit for members and potential members.”

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**Research Grants Available from OREF**

Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) is now accepting applications for pain management, skeletal metastases, resident research, and support for NIH K Awards, with a total of $120,000 available.

Also, there is still one month left to apply for arthritis and shoulder research funding.

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**New Investigator Toolkit from LearnORS**

LearnORS recently 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.

Connect with ORS on Social Media

Stay updated on your Global Orthopaedic Research Community

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.

Follow Journal of Orthopaedic Research on Twitter (X) and LinkedIn, and Journal of Orthopaedic Research - Spine on Twitter (X) and LinkedIn.

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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2024 Philadelphia Spine Research Symposium
November 10 -14, 2024
Skytop, PA
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.