Preparing 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. Abstract submissions are now closed. Thank you to those who submitted their abstracts for consideration. We had the highest number of abstracts in the last three years, with 2,406 submissions. Those abstracts are now under review, and we will let everyone know who was accepted on November 8. There will be an additional call for late breaking abstracts opening on October 16 and closing on November 13.

The ORS Business Innovation Competition will take place at the Annual Meeting. The event provides the opportunity for early-stage companies, clinicians, researchers, and students who have a great idea or technology to present their concepts to benefit the field of musculoskeletal research. The winner will participate in a program with mentors who will help them bring their idea "from bench to market" by validating the market potential of their idea, and then developing a commercialization plan. For more information or to submit your application, please see the link below. The summary deadline is October 6.

Apply for the Business Innovation Competition
In an effort to help the next generation of musculoskeletal researchers from underrepresented backgrounds, the ORS will offer **complimentary registration for up to two undergraduate students** from participating institutions to attend the Annual Meeting. The students must currently be enrolled in an undergraduate program in a STEM major, have an interest in orthopaedic research and/or medicine, should not have attended a past ORS Annual Meeting, and they should be in the geographical area of the nominating institution. The ideal candidate for this award must identify as a member of at least one underrepresented group in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) as follows:

- Race and ethnicity: American Indian or Alaska Native, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders
- Other factors include:
  - Disability
  - LGBTQIA+
  - Gender identity and expression
  - Veteran status
  - First generation college
  - Socioeconomic status

This program is a nationwide expansion of a successful initiative of the McKay Orthopaedic Research Laboratory at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Please contact Karey Hyland of ORS at hyland@ors.org by October 2** for any questions or if you would like to nominate a student to be part of this program.

Hotel reservations for the Annual Meeting are open now. Event registration will open on October 10.
The Following Award Submissions are Due This Week:

**ORS ISFR Interdisciplinary Academic Exchange Grant**
This grant will fund an ORS ISFR member to visit a research lab for the purpose of collaboration and knowledge exchange in the areas of fracture repair and/or bone regeneration research and to facilitate the exchange of new research methodologies and techniques. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information or to apply. **Deadline for submissions: This Friday, September 15.**

**ORS/OREF Distinguished Investigator Award**
The ORS/OREF Distinguished Investigator Award will honor an individual with a long-standing, productive career in orthopaedic research. The Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information or to nominate a colleague. **Deadline for nominations: This Friday, September 15.**

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**Wednesday Webinar: How Well Established Are You with Achieving Your Financial Goals?**

**This Wednesday!** Please join us for a special LearnORS webinar which will address important aspects you should know related to your financial planning.

*A LearnORS Webinar:*
**How Well Established Are You with Achieving Your Financial Goals?**

**Wednesday, September 13**
12:00 pm Central Time

**The Presentation will Cover:**
- The two-step/three panel approach of covering risks, and short-term and long-term saving/investment strategies
- Education funding options
- Projections/simulations to quantify and bridge gaps between financial goals and reality
- Main retirement challenges: longevity, inflation, volatility, interest rates, and taxes
- Minimizing tax exposure throughout distribution: the bucket strategy
Risk management and customized retirement strategies: downside protection, tax-advantaged opportunities, guaranteed minimum income benefit, and IRA rollover strategies

**Leading this Discussion will be:**
Rajshree Hillstrom, MBA, PhD
Financial Advisor
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**Year-Long Online Education from LearnORS**

[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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**Call for ORS Volunteers Form Must Be Submitted by This Thursday**
One of the primary ways ORS members can give back to the field of orthopaedics is by volunteering with the ORS. The ORS has several ways you can share your knowledge, skills, ideas, resources, and experience to help other members and to advance the mission of the society.

The ORS is looking for volunteers in a variety of roles, including: numerous committee members, journal reviewers, section representatives, event assistance (including at the Annual Meeting and during Open Door), and many more.

All active ORS members in any location and in good standing are eligible to volunteer. All interested ORS members must complete the Call for Volunteers form to be considered for volunteer opportunities. The deadline to complete the form is this Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 11:59 pm Central. If you are interested in volunteering, please click the link below to provide information about yourself and your areas of interest.

Volunteer

Connect with ORS on Social Media

STAY UPDATED ON YOUR
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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 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.

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September 15, 2023

**ORS 2024 Annual Meeting**
**Submissions Nominations Due for ORS/OREF Distinguished Investigator Award**
September 15, 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**
**Nominations Due for Complimentary ORS Annual Meeting Registration for Undergraduate, Underrepresented STEM students**
October 2, 2023

**ORS 2024 Annual Meeting**
**Business Innovation Competition Summary Deadline Closes**
October 6, 2023
ORS 2024 Annual Meeting  
Registration Opens  
October 10, 2023

ORS 2024 Annual Meeting  
Call for Late Breaking Abstracts  
October 16, 2023

NASS 2023 Annual Spine Meeting  
October 18-21, 2023  
Los Angeles, CA

2023 Philadelphia Spine Research Society (PSRS) Symposium  
November 3, 2023  
Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

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.