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. Other than the meeting itself, this is the important week leading up to the event. Please note that abstract submissions are due tonight at 11:59 pm Pacific Time. Many award applications are due throughout the week. You can find more information below.

Abstract submissions are due tonight for the 2024 ORS Annual Meeting. This is an ideal opportunity for you to share your valuable research with key players in the orthopaedic community. For more information, guidelines on submission, and a list of topics, click the link below. Abstract submissions are due tonight, Monday, August 28, 11:59 pm Pacific Time.
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 this Thursday, August 31.

Get Involved with Open Door

Award Submissions Due This Week

The Following Annual Meeting Award Submissions are Due This Week:

**ORS/OREF Travel Grants in Orthopaedic Research Translation**  
(Deadline for submissions: Tuesday, August 29)  
These grants recognize clinician scientists and clinical investigators in the early stages of their career who have played a key or leading role in an original research project in clinical or translational medicine, and who have demonstrated excellence in training and a commitment to orthopaedic research. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information or to apply.

**ORS Early Career Outreach Travel Award**  
(Deadline for submissions: Thursday, August 31)  
The purpose of the award is to help offset travel expenses to the ORS Annual Meeting, as participants will need to arrive one day early to volunteer for the ORS Open Door event. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information or to apply.

**William H. Harris, MD Award**  
(Deadline for submissions: Thursday, August 31)
The Harris Award is given to an individual based on the quality and scientific merit of their accepted paper in the *Journal of Orthopaedic Research* on the topic of basic and/or clinical research involving the hip. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information or to apply.

**ORS/RJOS Young Female Investigator Grant**

*(Deadline for submissions has been extended to Monday, September 4)*

The Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society (RJOS) and the ORS Women’s Leadership Forum (WLF) have collaborated to promote and support young female investigators in the field of orthopaedic research with this award. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information or to apply.

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**ORS Volunteers Needed**

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 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](#)
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.

Virtual Scientific Session: Webinar on Orthobiologic Approaches in Rodent Models of Osteoarthritis

Biologic therapies for treatment of orthopedic disease are an ongoing area of interest for both clinicians and researchers. Preclinical models are a crucial step in bringing new biologics from benchtop to bedside. Join us September 6 at 12:00 pm Central for a virtual scientific session on Orthobiologic Approaches in Rodent Models of Osteoarthritis. Kelly Santangelo, DVM, PhD, DACVP, Associate Professor, Colorado State University, will introduce several different small animal models that are available to investigate biologics, highlighting the pros and cons of each, as well as the available outcome measures for each model.
The Journal of Orthopaedic Research (JOR) has just released its virtual issue: Summer Reading from the JOR. These articles were compiled by Linda J. Sandell, PhD, FORS, Editor in Chief of the JOR. Articles cover a variety of topics, including: ACL injury prevention, meniscal repair, post-traumatic osteoarthritis, autograft reconstruction, biofilm-associated periprosthetic joint infection, clinical grading of modic changes, human tendon transcriptomics, platelet-rich plasma versus corticosteroid injections, and much more. Access these articles at the link below.

Access JOR Summer Reading

The 2023 Philadelphia Spine Research Society Symposium

The 2023 Philadelphia Spine Research Society (PSRS) Symposium will be held in person on Friday, November 3, 2023 at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA. Abstract submissions are now open and they will be due Sunday, September 10. Everyone is encouraged to submit their latest research for inclusion in the program. Awards will be given for the best podium and poster presentations by undergraduate and graduate student trainees. Registration for the event will open soon.

Learn More

New Funding Opportunities from the NIH Office of Strategic Coordination

New funding opportunities are now available from the National Institutes of Health, Office of Strategic Coordination (the Common Fund).

Please see the following information on two opportunities you might want to consider:

RFA-RM-23-015 – This is a notice of funding opportunity inviting R03 (small pilot project) proposals that will leverage and re-use data already collected by at least two participating Common Fund programs. The data can be used to generate and perform limited testing of any hypothesis within the mission of the NIH. There are multiple programs that have data relevant to research conducted by members of the ORS community. Requests are limited to $200,000 direct costs over one year. This opportunity is especially suitable to early career investigators, although that is not an explicit eligibility requirement. Proposals are due on November 17, 2023.
RFA-RM-23-013 – This is a U24 (cooperative agreement) program designed to form a more extensive partnership with the Common Fund data generating programs than would be possible under the R03 mechanism. The U24 requires at least one PI who is not currently supported by the Common Fund to participate in the project, and requires a scientific use case that will be advanced by leveraging data generated by existing CF programs. The scientific use case can be anything within the mission of the NIH. Support can be requested for up to three years – budgets are not limited but must reflect the actual needs of the project; the overall intended set-aside for this program is $4,000,000 in FY24-26. This opportunity is suitable to investigators at any career stage. Proposals are due on December 4, 2023.

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.

Mark Your Calendar!

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September 6, 12:00 pm Central
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 10, 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.