March is Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month, and we would like to take this opportunity to honor the women who have contributed so much to the history of orthopaedic research. Thank you for all that you do to improve the lives of those affected by musculoskeletal disorders. You make the world, and the ORS, a better place.

The ORS Women's Leadership Forum

The ORS Women’s Leadership Forum (WLF) mentors, fosters, encourages and inspires women (including all female-identifying individuals) in orthopaedic research at all stages of their careers, and advises and supports women on career and leadership opportunities in orthopaedic-related organizations.

Learn More or Join the WLF

“Orthopaedics and musculoskeletal research has been one of the least diverse areas in medicine. We celebrate the outstanding ORS female members who continue to help change this picture with their work and leadership. Our own Women's Leadership Forum started many career development programs that are now an integral part of our ORS mission for everyone. ORS has also been tremendous for me personally as a 'professional family' that has helped me to grow and prosper in my life and my career.”

- Susan Bukata, MD, FAOA, FAAOS, President of the ORS Board of Directors
"For me and my career trajectory, I have benefited from senior leaders in the musculoskeletal trauma space. Dr. Joan Bechtold and Dr. Lisa Larkin both have been generous with their time, advocacy, and support of early- and mid-career women, and me in particular as I established my lab."

- Sarah Greising, PhD, Chair of the ORS Women’s Leadership Forum

Women's Research Fellowship
The Stryker/ORS Women’s Research Fellowship promotes women in science by providing an opportunity for an ORS member who identifies as a woman or gender non-conforming (non-binary, gender fluid, etc.) who is a recent PhD in science or engineering to conduct research in the field of orthopaedic technology. The 2024 fellowship recipient is Mary Bucklin, PhD. Dr. Bucklin is a biomedical engineer working as a postdoctoral researcher at Rush University Medical Center under Dr. John Martin. She has a background in motion capture, biomechanics, motor learning during walking, and in-vivo imaging techniques. She is passionate about studying chronic pain from a wholistic biopsychosocial perspective. She also is a disability advocate who plans to use this fellowship to organize opportunities for women with disabilities in science.

A Passion to Improve Lives
"I can feel the passion that women in orthopaedics have for their research in the pursuit of improving the quality of life for people with musculoskeletal disorders. They flawlessly balance their work, research, leadership responsibilities, volunteerism, and family. It is a pleasure to lead an organization including women who commit an abundance of time to their profession while leaving a legacy for their descendants to embrace."

- Sharon Smith-Terry, CEO of the Orthopaedic Research Society

Call for Late Breaking Abstracts is Now Open for the Tendon Conference 2024
The call for Late Breaking Abstracts is now open 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, to submit a Late Breaking Abstract, or to register, please click the link below.

The call for Late Breaking Abstracts is open now through next Monday, April 1.

Submit an Abstract or Register

Join Us This Wednesday: Strategies for Mentoring and Teaching Scientific Communication

LearnORS Presents

Join us for a webinar this Wednesday. 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
This Wednesday, March 27, 2024
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Central

Organized by:
The ORS Career Development Committee

Register

Apply Now for the
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 this Sunday, March 31.

Learn More or Apply

Open Calls for the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting

The ORS Scientific Program Committee is now seeking workshop applications for the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting which will be held February 7-11, 2025 in Phoenix, Arizona. Workshops will cover a wide variety of topics representing basic, translational, and clinical research, as well as innovative technologies.

Workshops will include:

- *Scientific Workshop* – cutting-edge musculoskeletal research (i.e. refined juvenile animal models for pediatric musculoskeletal research to improve lifelong health)
- *Science and Technology Workshop* – in collaboration with an industry partner (i.e. additively manufactured implants - how far have we advanced on material safety and characterization?)
Crosstalk Workshop – highlighting interactions between clinical and basic approaches to musculoskeletal problems (i.e. understanding pain in musculoskeletal disease: molecular and clinical insights)

The goals of the workshops:

1. To educate our attendees about exciting research and novel skills.
2. To promote collaborative effect approaches to address orthopaedic/musculoskeletal diseases and treatment challenges.

Workshops focusing on aging, multi-organ/tissue crosstalk (i.e. bone-cartilage), AI/big data, and circular translational research to improve models are encouraged.

Please submit your applications by Monday, April 22.

Submit Workshop Applications

The ORS Research Council is seeking ideas for Symposia, Back to Basics, and Bench to Bedside sessions for the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting.

Symposia will engage the audience in a dialogue about a hot topic and/or emerging paradigm in orthopaedic science. These forward-looking topics should bridge basic and clinical research, and integrate academic, health, regulatory, and industry perspectives.

Back to Basics sessions will bring foundational knowledge and historical perspective to meeting attendees, highlighting important discoveries made 30+ years ago and how they have influenced the field.

Bench to Bedside will be innovative sessions that bring together clinicians, basic scientists, and clinical trial experts.

Please submit your ideas by Monday, April 22.

Submit Symposia or Session Ideas

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
Applications, including letters intent, are due April 15.

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

Call for Fracture Repair Abstracts is Now Open for the ISFR/BSFF Joint Meeting

The ORS International Section of Fracture Repair (ISFR) and the OTA Basic Science Focus Forum (BSFF) will collaborate for a joint session at the OTA (Orthopaedic Trauma Association) Annual Meeting, October 21 - 23 in Montréal, Canada. The call for abstracts is now open. All submissions must be received by May 20. 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 for the event 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

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.

Order T-Shirts

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."

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.
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.

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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.