April is National Volunteer Month

April is National Volunteer Month in the US and Canada. We would like to take a moment to recognize the efforts of all of our highly valued volunteers throughout the world. Thank you all for everything that you do to help make the ORS an impactful organization in the musculoskeletal world.

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.
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.
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.

We are currently looking for suggestions for potential Spotlight Speakers at the 2025 ORS Annual Meeting. If interested, you are welcome to submit any speaker ideas (who can be ORS members or non-members), and topics/talk titles.

Please Share Your Suggestions by Monday, April 22.

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

Join Us for the Tendon Conference 2024

Join us 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.
Join Us for the next webinar, **Pathology 101: Considerations for Implementing Histopathologic Outcomes in Orthopaedic Research**. The webinar, presented by LearnORS, will take place Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 12:00 PM Central. Julie Engiles, VMD, Professor of Pathology at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine (PennVet), will address how to prepare grant proposals to successfully include histopathologic outcomes, considerations when using large animal preclinical orthopedic models, and utility of different histochemical stains within these models. Click the link below to register.

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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]

**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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*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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Find or Post Events on the Orthopaedic Events Calendar
The Orthopaedic Events Calendar on the ORS website lists events that 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!

**Bone & Joint Young Investigator Initiative**
April 12 - 14, 2024
Rosemont, IL

**Applications Due for the ORS/BMRC Fellowship**
April 15, 2024

**Workshop Applications Due for the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting**
April 22, 2024

**Symposia and Session Ideas Due for the ORS 2025 Annual Meeting**
April 22, 2024

**Webinar: Pathology 101 - Considerations for Implementing Histopathologic Outcomes in Orthopaedic Research**
May 1, 2024, at 12:00 PM Central.
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May 20, 2024

ORS Tendon Conference 2024: Mechanism to Therapy – Emerging Technologies and Therapeutic Outcomes
May 30 - June 1, 2024
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

2024 Clinician Scholar Career Development Program
October 3 - 5, 2024
Rosemont, IL

ORS ISFR/OTA BSFF Joint Meeting
October 21 - 23, 2024
Montréal, Canada

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.