

APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON NOV 13, 2025

## FELLOWS SELECTION AND ROLES

**Purpose:** The Fellows policy outlines the policies and procedures related to the selection and roles of the ORS Fellows and the ORS Fellows of International Orthopaedic Research (FIOR).

### ORS Fellows

ORS Fellows are individuals who have demonstrated exemplary service and leadership, substantial achievement, expert knowledge, and significant contributions to the Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS), its Governance, and the field of musculoskeletal research.

### Roles of ORS Fellows

- Represent ORS as the thought leaders and topic experts in their respective disciplines.
- Serve as role models in the ORS community and in the field of musculoskeletal research.
- Become advisors for the society on new programs, initiatives, and planning where needed.
- Invited to serve strategic committees such as ethics, audit, and collaborations assessment.
- ORS Fellows will enhance the core values of the ORS and the field of musculoskeletal research by:
  - Supporting and exhibiting the ORS mission to advance musculoskeletal research worldwide.
  - Inspiring excellence and innovation in research by providing expert advice, mentoring, and cultivating knowledge.
  - Demonstrating professionalism and leadership through the highest standards in scholarship, science, patient care, education, and research.
  - Engaging and fostering the enhancement of the ORS community through leadership, education, scientific programming, and collaboration

### ORS Fellow Qualifications

- 10 consecutive years of active ORS membership
- An author at the ORS Annual Meeting within the last five years

- Attend an ORS Annual Meeting in two of the last five years
- Major service contributions within the ORS – Examples of service include (but are not limited to):
  - Development of an ORS program or course
  - Served as an ORS ambassador
  - Board of Director member
  - Committee member for at least five years
  - Served as a topic chair
  - Served as an ICORS representative
  - Represented ORS as a member of a collaborative society committee or board (i.e., OREF, AAOS, NIAMS, etc.)

### Selection Process

- The ORS fellows will be selected through an online application process.
- ORS members can self-nominate or nominate others.
- Current members of the ORS Board of Directions are not eligible to be nominated to avoid any perception of conflict of interest, except for the Immediate Past President
- ORS Fellows are selected by the Executive Committee based on review of the materials submitted by the nominator/candidate.
- The list of proposed Fellows will be presented to the Board at its Fall meeting for final review and approval.

### Recognition of New ORS Fellows

During a plenary session at the ORS Annual Meeting, new Fellows will be honored and will receive:

- A certificate signed by the ORS President
- ORS Fellow lapel pin
- A special Fellows recognition ribbon for their Annual Meeting name badge

### Benefits for New ORS Fellows

- An invitation to attend the ORS leadership recognition reception.
- Recognition on ORS website, communications, and social media platforms

## **ORS Nomination for Fellow of International Orthopaedic Research (FIOR)**

### **ORS FIORs Qualifications**

- Must be an active member of ORS.
- Have 10 years of continuous active membership of an individual ICORS member society upon nomination. Alternatively, candidates may be considered if they have founding membership in a new ICORS Society or Associate Scientific member society. (Should be nominated from within the ICORS board. This must have over a 2/3 majority vote in the ICORS board).
- Have a minimum of 15 years of scientific or professional contributions to the field of orthopaedic research.
- Have appropriate professional training, competence, and good standing in a discipline appropriate for orthopaedic research.
- Have significant contributions to the field of orthopaedic research, documented by continuous productivity in orthopaedic research, development, and education. (The documents shall also evidence increasing leadership in the field).
- Have a track record of peer reviewed publications in orthopaedic or musculoskeletal related field.
- ICORS Member Societies shall have no more fellows than 5% of their active membership.
- Non-active or retired members may not be nominated to be a fellow.

### **Selection Process for ORS-member nominees for FIORs**

Each ICORS Member Society shall establish its own process for nomination of potential Fellows.

These processes are based on the following guidelines:

- Nominee diversity is highly encouraged, including sex, race, region, area of expertise, and other features relevant to orthopaedic field
- Interested and qualified candidates can either self-nominate or be nominated by another member.
- The Executive Committee will select the ORS FIORs based on the review and materials submitted by each candidate.
- The list of proposed ORS FIORs will be presented to the ORS Board at its Fall meeting for final review and approval.
- Recommendations of board-approved ORS FIORs are submitted to the ICORS Board for consideration and confirmation.

For more information on ICORS FIORs, visit <https://www.ors.org/icors> .