

Darren L. Johnson, MD Doctoral Research Fellowship Endowment



About the Endowment

The Darren L. Johnson, MD Doctoral Research Fellowship was established to foster the continued professional development of athletic training scholars with terminal degrees. Funding from this endowment will be used to support instruction and mentoring for new investigators or those who are re-entering the research field. The Fellow will work with an established investigator to learn new research techniques in order to execute an original study, utilizing these new methods, on a topic related to the medical, behavioral, educational and/or clinical aspects of athletic training.

About Dr. Johnson

Dr. Johnson is an internationally respected scholar and surgeon committed to advancing surgical techniques and developing a better understanding of the secondary consequences of knee pathology and repair. He has long supported, funded and promoted research opportunities for students and residents.

After earning his MD from UCLA, Dr. Johnson completed his orthopedic residency at the University of Southern California. He went on to further his education with a fellowship in sports medicine and shoulder surgery at the University of Pittsburgh, under the direction of Freddie H. Fu, MD.

Dr. Johnson has served on the Board of Directors of the AAOS and was named a member of the prestigious Heroducus Society based on his many academic contributions to the field of sports medicine. His extensive volunteer service includes national committee appointments with the

AOSSM, AOA, Southern Orthopaedic Association and Arthroscopy Association of North America. Dr. Johnson has published more than 90 peer-reviewed manuscripts and 20 book chapters, in addition to presenting multiple talks on complex topics related to knee and shoulder injuries in the physically active.

Dr. Johnson currently he serves as Professor & Chairman of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Director of Sports Medicine at the University of Kentucky. He is the Head Orthopedic Surgeon for the UK Wildcats and maintains a busy clinical practice, treating patients throughout the commonwealth and surrounding states.

Research Grant Recipients:

2017 – Samantha Scarneo, MS, ATC, “Emergency Action Planning Policy Adoption in Secondary School Athletics”

2015 – Eunwook Chang, MEd, ATC , Oregon State University, “Evaluating the Usefulness of a Functional Test Battery for Determining Return to Full Activity in Females with Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction”

2014 – Jessica Martinez, MS, ATC, CSCS , University of Connecticut

Status: IN PROGRESS

Commitment: \$100,000 (Level 1)

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Amount Pledged: \$43,898

Outstanding Pledges: \$700.00

Total Needed to Endow: \$35,194.82 (Level 1)

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