About the Endowment: The Osternig Master’s Research Grant program has awarded funds to student investigators since 2001. In 2009, a permanent endowment was established by friends of Dr. Osternig to honor his many contributions to the sports medicine body of knowledge and to continue the grant program in perpetuity. The Louis R. Osternig, PhD, Research Endowment provides a $1,000 master’s-level grant to one qualified student annually.

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- to a qualified graduate student conducting athletic training research at the University of Oregon.
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- to a qualified graduate student conducting athletic training research.

About Dr. Osternig: Louis R. Osternig’s research has focused on musculoskeletal function before and after injury and surgery and conducted studies on post-injury/post-surgery adaptations and recovery. In recent years he has collaborated with University of Oregon colleagues and graduate students on studies examining the acute and long-term effects of mild traumatic brain injuries (mTBI) on cognitive and motor functions in university and high school students.

Dr. Osternig began teaching in 1971 as an assistant professor of physical education at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California where he also served as head athletic trainer. A year later, he came to the University of Oregon (UO) as an assistant professor and athletic trainer, and became a full professor in 1983. During his tenure with the UO, Osternig has served in a number of administrative roles. From 1973 until 1990, he was the director of the program in sports medicine and the accredited graduate program in athletic training. Concurrently, between 1981 and 1984, he served as head of the Division of Exercise Science in the Department of Physical Education and Human Movement Studies, and later Head of the Division of Graduate Studies, a position he held until 1990. Since 2006, he has served as Professor Emeritus in the Department of Human Physiology at the UO.


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