Bernard Becker Medical Library

Boilerplate for Grants

This boilerplate can be used in grant proposals to present information about Becker Medical Library. Feel free to cut and paste portions and use as appropriate for your specific grant proposal.

Founded in 1911, the Bernard Becker Medical Library is one of the oldest and most comprehensive medical libraries west of the Mississippi. The library serves as an information hub for the Washington University Medical Center and extends its services and resources to the global health science community.

Becker Medical Library’s mission is to provide a haven for study and scholarly reflection along with the resources, information and expertise to deliver innovative support for advancing discovery, lifelong learning and improving human health. Among the resources it offers focusing on health and biological sciences are 7,498 full text e-journals; 22 specialized databases; and 57,254 e-books. Subject expertise and support comes from library divisions focusing on specific areas aligned with the school’s mission.

The Research, Publishing and Communication division of the library provides a host of customized programs, services and expertise to assist faculty, investigators and students in navigating the complex and ever-changing research publishing landscape. Assistance to authors and researchers is available on a wide range of issues including publishing options, public access mandates, copyright, author rights, assessment of research impact, and dissemination of research findings. This division also provides health communication services and education programs designed to assist faculty, staff and students with making written materials easier to understand and help them better address the impact of literacy, culture and language in the health care setting.

Becker Library’s Data and Research Computing division provides a broad range of educational programs and services in support of the research activities of the School of Medicine’s faculty, staff, and students. This division provides introductory training in biomedical research computing (R, Python, cluster computing, MATLAB), delivers educational offerings and programs in the areas of data management, data sharing, and data reuse, and supports awareness, access, and education on a variety of software tools for biomedical data analysis and visualization. The Data and Research Computing division has strong partnerships with the Center for High Performance Computing and the Institute for Informatics and has growing collaborations with Olin Library and the Research Infrastructure Services group within Washington University Information Technology, accelerating progress on strategic initiatives shared across these groups. In particular, these synergistic relationships help the university maximize return on institutional investments in research computing and data management in response to the evolving needs of biomedical researchers.

The library’s Health Information Services division offers resources and instructional services to faculty teaching the next generation of health care leaders, to students learning evidence-based medical skills and to healthcare providers on the front lines providing quality patient care. This division works closely with the school’s education programs in support of their curricula and the affiliated teaching hospitals to support evidence-based practice. Its librarians conduct complex database reviews and collaborate closely with researchers on systematic reviews. Clinical librarians participate in teaching rounds for Barnes Jewish and St. Louis Children’s Hospitals providing a valuable academic aspect at the point of patient decision-making.
The **Collection Management Services** division supports teaching, research and patient care by arranging access to the primary journals, databases and books which faculty require. Negotiating affordable contracts with a wide variety of publishers and making purchased resources discoverable through the library catalog and electronic portal ensure that basic information needs can be expediently fulfilled. Interlibrary loan services complement the library’s own collection when necessary by obtaining materials from other libraries.

Becker Library’s **Archives and Rare Books** division is a unique and important unit of the library’s resources. The archives preserve and make accessible archival collections comprising institutional records, manuscripts, visual items and oral histories that document the medical center’s institutional history, ongoing progress and many significant contributions of its faculty. Among the manuscript collections are papers of William Beaumont, Joseph Erlanger, E.V. Cowdry, Evarts Graham and Carl Cori. There are nine distinct rare book collections containing 16,785 volumes available for scholarly use. These acclaimed collections include the Bernard Becker Collection in Ophthalmology and Optics, the CID-Max Goldstein Collection in Speech and Hearing, the H. Richard Tyler Collection in Neurology and the Robert E. Schlueter Paracelsus Collection of the St. Louis Medical Society.

The Bernard Becker Medical Library takes pride in providing the latest biomedical information and services to the Washington University Medical Center. For detailed information about the library’s programs and services, visit [https://becker.wustl.edu](https://becker.wustl.edu).

The library is open to the general public Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Staffed Library hours are:

- Monday: 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Tuesday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – midnight
- Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Sunday: 2:00 p.m. – 11 p.m.

The library building is accessible by card access to faculty, students and residents 24 hours a day.

**Telephone numbers:** Circulation Services: (314) 362-7080 Information Services: (314) 362-7085 Interlibrary Loan: (314) 747-0029 Archives and Rare Books: (314) 362-4236