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**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 bring together resources, information and expertise to deliver innovative support for advancing discovery and improving human health. Among the resources it offers focusing on health and biological sciences are 6,783 full text e-journals; 21 specialized databases; and 41,028 e-books. Subject expertise and support comes from library divisions focusing on specific areas aligned with the school's mission.

The Translational Research Support Division of the library provides specialized knowledge, customized programs and services, and unique information resources to support Washington University's broader goals of connecting basic research to patient care. The division includes a science support program to provide instruction, consultation services and support for specialized software and databases for the genomic and basic science research community. Its community outreach and health communication program focuses on ways to foster health literacy and seeks opportunities to partner with the School of Medicine, and medical center groups to improve the communication skills of our clinicians and researchers and enhance the creation and delivery of reliable and credible health information. The division also includes a scholarly communications program to support authors and researchers on a wide range of issues including publishing options, public access mandates, copyright and author rights, assessment of research impact and dissemination of research findings.

The Health Information Services Division offers a broad range of biomedical resources and training services to faculty teaching the next generation of health care leaders, to students learning evidence-based medical skills and to clinicians 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 literature reviews and collaborate closely with researchers on systematic reviews.

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.

Special Collections (Archives and Rare Books) is a unique and important unit of the library's resources. The Archives preserve and make accessible 905 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 16,001 books 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 Medical Center. For detailed information about the library's programs and services, visit <https://becker.wustl.edu>.

The library is open to the general public Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Library hours for faculty, students and staff affiliated with Medical Center:

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – midnight

Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

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**Telephone numbers:**

Circulation Services: (314) 362-7080

Information Services: (314) 362-7085

Interlibrary Loan: (314) 747-0029

Archives and Rare Books: (314) 362-4236