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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 1891, the **Bernard Becker Medical Library** is one of the oldest and most comprehensive medical libraries west of the Mississippi. The library serves as a knowledge 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 over 9,000 full text e-journals; 14 specialized databases; and more than 96,000 e-books. Subject expertise and support comes from library divisions focusing on specific areas aligned with the school's mission.

The **Research Services** division of the library 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, delivers educational offerings and programs in the areas of data management and sharing, and supports awareness, access, and training on a variety of software tools for biomedical data analysis and visualization. In addition, the division 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 the dissemination of research findings.

The library's **Health Information and Collection Management Services** division manages the library's extensive collection and 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 negotiate affordable contracts with a wide variety of publishers, acquire material from other libraries through inter-library loan, 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.

Becker Library's Health & Science Communication Center engages and trains the medical school community in the fundamentals of communication through workshops, training opportunities, and conversations with leaders in the communication field. The center brings together expertise and resources to help our clinicians and scientists clearly convey the benefits of their work in engaging ways to diverse audiences, from the general public to policy makers.

Becker Library's **Archives and Rare Books** division is a unique and important unit of the library's resources. Comprising The Center for the History of Medicine, institutional archives of the medical center, and an impressive collection of rare medical books, this division safeguards the history of both medicine and WUSM's place in it, and creates programs and exhibits that educate and engage. 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.

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>.

The library building is accessible by card access to the School of Medicine community 24 hours a day.