Finding Aid to the

Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences
Theses and Dissertations

Dates:
1917-Present

113.17 Linear Feet
(77 Boxes, 360 Loose Volumes)

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ABSTRACT:

This is a collection of master theses and doctoral dissertations from students of the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences, from 1917 and the present.

PROVENANCE:

The master theses and doctoral dissertations are transferred to the Medical Center Archives from the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences and the Samuel J. Wood Library on an ongoing basis.

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Beginning in 1912, the Graduate School of Cornell University, with the cooperation of Cornell University Medical College, began offering graduate courses in the medical sciences at the medical college’s New York City campus.

On January 26, 1952, the board of trustees for Cornell University approved the creation of an independent Graduate School of Medical Sciences based in New York City. This newly-developed graduate program was run in conjunction with the Sloan Kettering Institute.

In 1972, Cornell University Medical College launched a joint MD-PhD program with Rockefeller University. In 1992, this program expanded to include Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and was named the Tri-Institutional MD-PhD Program. Upon graduating, students who complete the Tri-Institutional MD-PhD Program are awarded an MD degree from Weill Cornell Medicine and a PhD from either Cornell’s Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Rockefeller University, or the Gerstner Sloan Kettering Graduate School.

In 1998, after receiving a generous donation from Sanford and Joan Weill, the graduate school was renamed the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

“Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences.” Weill Cornell Medicine. https://gradschool.weill.cornell.edu/


SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

This is a collection consisting of master’s theses and doctoral dissertations from students of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences (later renamed the Weill Cornell Graduate School of
Medical Sciences), dating from 1917 to the present. The master’s theses were submitted to the faculty of the graduate school in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Science, while the doctoral dissertations were submitted to the faculty of the graduate school in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Several doctoral dissertations were written between 1917 and 1948, pre-dating the establishment of the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences. These dissertations were originally submitted to the Graduate School of Cornell University.

Theses and dissertations submitted between the mid-1930s and late-1980s were primarily bound, while those submitted after the 1990s were primarily unbound. They cover a variety of research topics, including cancer biology, improvements in medical treatments, biochemical pathways, immunology, pathobiology, pharmacology, and more.

Some master theses found within this collection were written by graduate students already possessing an MD degree. Some of the doctoral dissertations found within this collection were also written by students already possessing an MD degree, however it is unclear if these dissertations are part of Tri-Institutional MD-PhD Program.

ARRANGEMENT:

Some theses and dissertations are available online in ProQuest, while others are either not online or only partially available. Theses and dissertations readily accessible in ProQuest have been moved offsite, while those not online are housed onsite. Consequently, the collection is arranged artificially into two series based upon physical location (onsite and offsite.) Within these series, the theses and dissertations are organized alphabetically by last name and in chronological order from oldest to newest:

Series 1: Onsite Theses and Dissertations, 1917-Present
Series 2: Offsite Theses and Dissertations, 1989-Present

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS:

Online theses and dissertations are available in ProQuest. Researchers must make an appointment with the Medical Center Archives to view theses and dissertations that are not available online.

LANGUAGE OF MATERIAL:

English

PROCESSING NOTE:

This collection was processed in 2020 by Rebecca Snyder. New theses and dissertations will be added by archives staff on an ongoing basis, and the extent of the overall collection will change each time. The finding aid was written by Rebecca Snyder in 2020.
ACCESS POINTS:

Cornell University. Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College
Cornell University. Graduate Program in Biological and Biomedical Sciences
Thesis & dissertation series

PREFERRED CITATION:

Item Name or Identification; Box #, Folder #; Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences Theses and Dissertations, 1917-Present (Medical Center Archives of NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell, New York, NY).

CONTENTS LIST:

Please contact the archives staff at the Medical Center Archives for details about specific theses and dissertations.