Library Resources in Ithaca and Beyond

The Weill Cornell Medical College (WCMC) is the seat of Cornell’s medical education and research efforts and maintains campuses in New York City and in Doha, Qatar. Faculty and students at the WCMC in New York and Doha as well as those at Cornell’s main campus in Ithaca have access to many of the same information resources, but not all.

The Cornell University online Library Catalog does not index the holdings of the Medical Library at the Weill Cornell Medical College. Conversely, the online catalog of the WCMC’s Medical Library does not index the holdings of the Cornell Libraries in Ithaca.

Library users at Cornell in Ithaca (blue) have access to 85% of the same electronic journals as are available at the library of the WCMC in New York City. Library users at the WCMC (red) have access to 95% of the same electronic journals as are available to users at Cornell in Ithaca.

In addition, even when both campuses have subscriptions to particular journals, they often do not have the same access to older backfiles, either electronically or in print.

So what are you missing?

-Cornell in Ithaca maintains more subscriptions to engineering and physical science journals than does the Weill Cornell Medical College.

-The Weill Cornell Medical College has a more extensive set of subscriptions to journals in such topics as cancer research, infectious diseases, and pharmaceutical research.

-In addition, researchers at the Weill-Cornell Medical College also have access to the library resources of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and of Rockefeller University.

Library users at the two campuses who want to remotely access materials in each others’ collections should use interlibrary loan or Document Delivery. Using Document Delivery for articles from journals held at the Weill Cornell Medical College does not incur any fees. Simply go to library.cornell.edu and click on “Requesting Items.”

Researchers can access materials in person while visiting the opposite campus. However, researchers from Cornell in Ithaca must first register with the Medical Library in New York before using their facilities or collections. For details contact infodesk@med.cornell.edu. More information about intercampus library services can also be found at library2.med.cornell.edu/intercampus.

Research Collaborations Between Ithaca and New York City

To find more potential partners for research and collaboration on Cornell’s campuses, visit VIVO, Cornell’s cross-disciplinary listing of people, research, and resources: vivo.library.cornell.edu.

Prof. Lawrence Bonassar
Dept. of Biomedical Engineering & Dept. of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Lawrence Bonassar’s research focuses on the regeneration and analysis of human tissues, particularly bone and cartilage. Taking a multidisciplinary approach to this work, he uses techniques in biomechanics, biomaterials, cell biology, and biochemistry.

“My research is tissue engineering—examining the interface of biology, medicine, and materials science and mechanical engineering. We are attempting to create the next generation of medical implants using biological tissue rather than plastic or steel. The idea is to replace cartilage with natural materials that will be grown in the lab.”

Prof. Robin Davison
College of Veterinary Medicine & Dept. of Cell & Developmental Biology, Weill Cornell Medical College

Professor Davison’s research focuses on the basic mechanisms of function, control and signaling in the cardiovascular system in health and disease. Her investigations employ the interdisciplinary approach of “functional genomics,” a new endeavor at the interface of classical physiology and molecular genetics.