

# MEDICA@MUSC Dissertation/Thesis Submission Guide

Submitting Your Work to the MUSC Institutional Repository in  
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## About MEDICA@MUSC

# MEDICA@MUSC Overview

MEDICA@MUSC, the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)'s Institutional Repository, was developed to collect, maintain and provide access to the scholarly works produced by MUSC. MEDICA@MUSC enables MUSC to return the fruits of its research to the local community, improves its visibility and standing in the academic enterprise, and enhances the quality of its scholarship.

MEDICA@MUSC, formerly known as MEDICA, is now powered by Digital Commons.

Digital Commons allows authors to track metrics of their contributions to the open access repository, including downloads of their work.

MUSC faculty, staff, and students can contribute a variety of scholarly and creative works including poster presentations, dissertations and theses, articles, book chapters, and more.



# Before You Begin

# Theses and Dissertations Policy

For thesis and dissertation submissions, check with your college to make sure that you are adhering to formatting guidelines. Also, make sure that the copy of the dissertation or thesis that you submit contains the printed names of your committee members.

As of March 1, 2018, MUSC Libraries will be suspending most bindery services. Instead, students and departments that wish to have a print version of their material may work directly with our chosen vendor, [Houchen Bindery](#). By going to their website, you can upload documents, choose the preferred binding, and have the copies sent directly to your chosen location. The service is faster, easier, and more satisfactory to the user.

As such, MUSC Libraries will no longer collect print copies of theses and dissertations. And while we are suspending most bindery services, if a student or department requires more specialized binding, we are still able to help. Please contact [Information Resources and Collection Services of MUSC](#) Libraries for more information.

# Keep in Mind



## Submission Process

Some steps may seem redundant, but MUSC must obtain author consent and data about each work should technical issues arise during the submission process.



## Personal Email

Use your **personal email** (not MUSC email) during this process to track statistics and downloads of your work.



## Access Embargoes

Indefinite access embargoes **cannot be arranged**. If you wish to set an embargo for your work, an access date must be set.



## Visibility Restrictions

If you choose to **restrict the visibility** of your work to MUSC account holders only, it is a permanent restriction that cannot be controlled by an expiration date.



## Waring Library Rights

Submission requests are approved by the Waring Historical Library. The Library retains the discretion to deny or remove content submitted to MEDICA@MUSC.

# MUSC Thesis and Dissertation Submission Checklist

Be sure to have the checklist items ready before starting your upload.

Whether required or optional, all items make it easier to describe and discover your work.

**Digital accessibility of all files is required per [Title II of the American Disabilities Act](#), or MUSC will be subject to penalty.** Refer to accessibility checker instructions for [Microsoft Word](#) and [Adobe Acrobat](#).

## Required

- ☐ Title page should include correct title of work, typed names of the committee members (**NO SIGNATURES**), year of defense, college, and degree name
- ☐ Abstract
- ☐ Valid email address
- ☐ MEDICA@MUSC IR Submission Request and Consent PDF ([download](#))
- ☐ ADA-compliant files (including supplemental files)
- ☐ **Word documents only.** If submitting other formats, email [medica@musc.edu](mailto:medica@musc.edu)

## Recommended

- ☐ 3-10 keywords (recommended)
- ☐ 3 disciplines from [Digital Commons Disciplines list](#) ([What are disciplines and why are they recommended?](#))



# Formatting: Title Page Example

Title page should include full and correct title of the work, your name, college, degree name, and year of defense.

“Approved by” section of title page should include **typed** names of committee members instead of their signatures. It can include the date(s) that the committee members approved the dissertation, but this is not required.

Assessing the Burden of Uncompensated Care in South Carolina Hospitals: The Role of  
Medicaid Expansion, Telemedicine and Primary Care

by

Natassia S. Allen

A doctoral project submitted to the faculty of the Medical University of South Carolina  
in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree  
Doctor of Health Administration  
in the College of Health Professions  
2025

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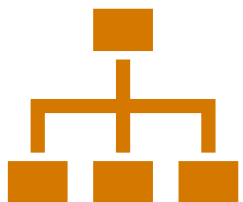
# Digital Accessibility and Title II of the American Disabilities Act

“[Title II of the ADA](#) requires state and local governments to make sure that their services, programs, and activities are accessible to people with disabilities. Title II applies to all services, programs, or activities of state and local governments, from adoption services to zoning regulation. This includes the services, programs, and activities that state and local governments offer online and through mobile apps.”

Title II to applies to colleges and universities and all content added to websites, databases, etc. Non-compliant institutions are subject to penalties starting in April 2026.

Using accessibility checker tools are essential in identifying and fixing accessibility issues that might make your thesis or dissertation difficult for people with disabilities to read or navigate, especially those using screen readers.

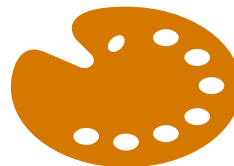
# General Digital Accessibility Tips



Use built-in **heading styles** to create sections in papers and abstracts for document organization and navigation.



Add **alt text** to all visuals.



Avoid using color alone to convey meaning and be sure to use proper color contrast for images and tables.



Avoid merged cells across rows and columns within tables. If needed, screenshot the table and display it as an image.



Use **descriptive hyperlinks** (e.g., “Read our report” instead of “Click here”).

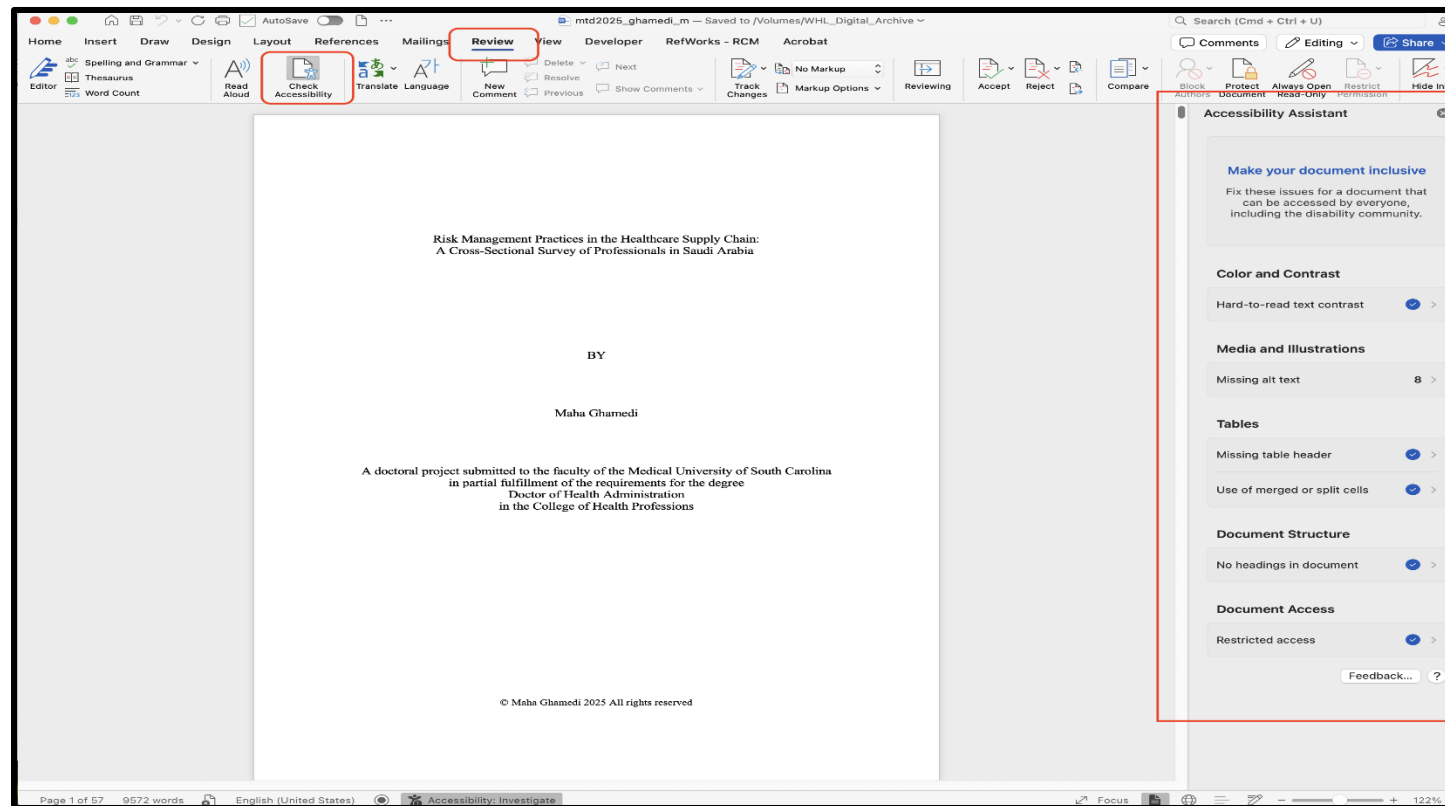
# Checking the Accessibility of Your Thesis/Dissertation in Microsoft Word on PC or Mac

Open your dissertation/thesis in Microsoft Word.

Go to the "Review" tab along the top toolbar and Click "Check Accessibility" in the "Accessibility" section.

The Accessibility panel will appear on the right side of the window.

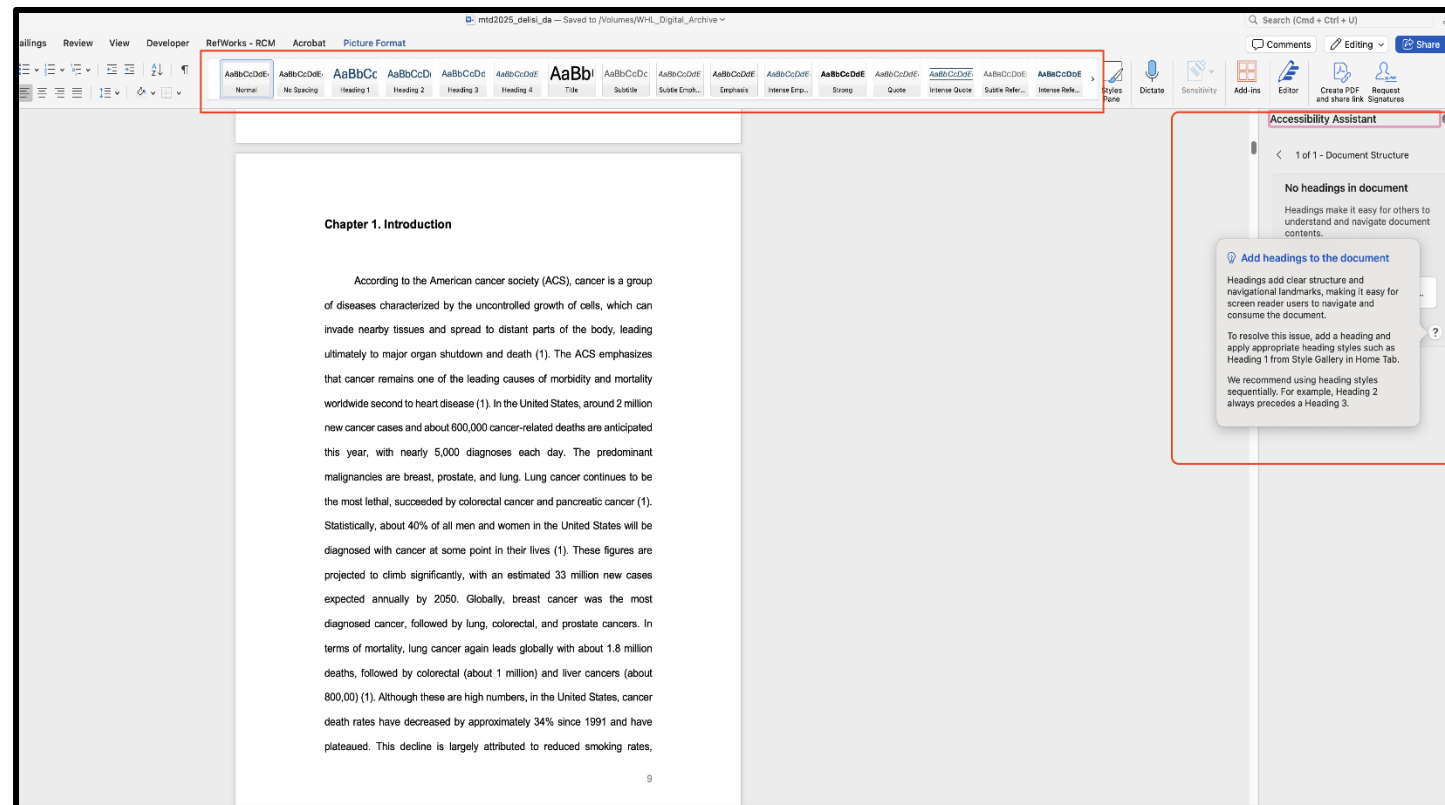
Review the results of the check by clicking the arrows of each section to expose the errors.



# Hover over Tooltips for More Instructions

Click each item to jump to the flagged issue in your document and follow the prompts to resolve.

Click the tooltip “?” in the Accessibility Assistant window to expose instructions.



# Common Issue: Section Headings

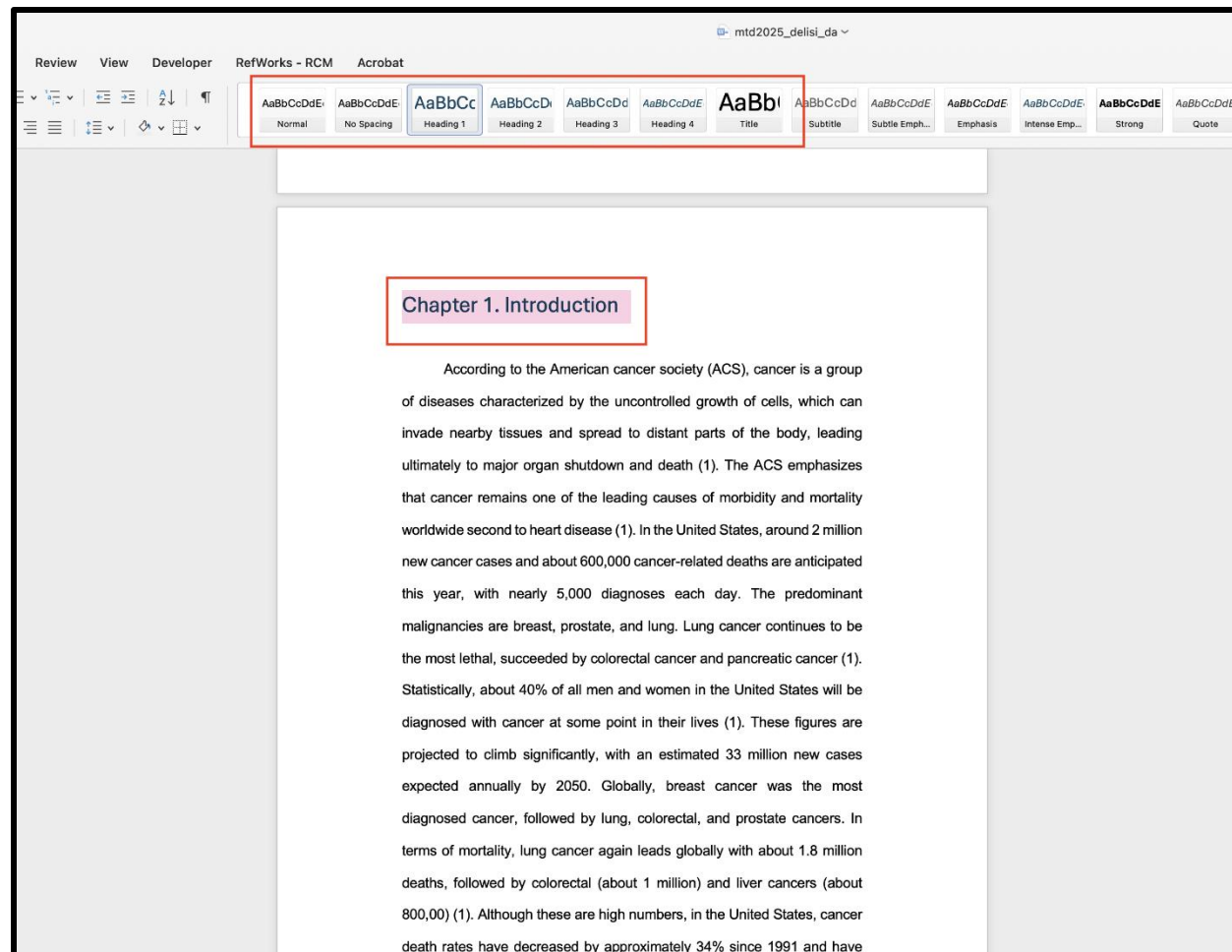
Creating section headings creates a hierarchy within your document that makes it easily navigable.

The simplest way to create section headings is by creating headings for the chapters in your thesis/dissertation.

Use the headings styling on the Home tab to designate your headings.

Chapter 1 has been styled as "Heading 1" in this example.

Designating headings will change the formatting of the text of the heading. You'll have to reformat the headings to the font style/size you want after creating the headings.



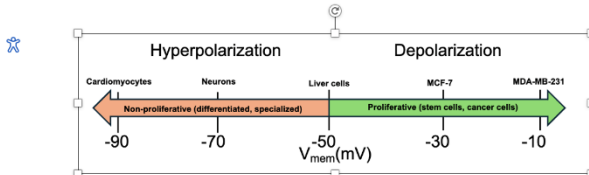


# Common Issue: Alternative Text for Images and Tables

For alt text, provide the alternative text for the image, replacing the AI-generated description.

In this example, the image in the body of the document to the left is selected.

The Accessibility Assistant to the right shows the corresponding AI-generated alternative text in the large text box that the author needs to correct or replace with a natural description.



**Figure 1.1 Membrane Potential ( $V_m$ ) scale of human cells.** Cells that are fully differentiated and non-proliferative, such as cardiomyocytes and neurons, maintain a highly hyperpolarized membrane potential around  $-90$  to  $-70$  mV. In contrast, liver cells, which retain some proliferative capacity, rest around  $-50$  mV. Cells that are actively proliferating, including stem cells and many cancer cells, are significantly depolarized, with membrane potentials closer to  $-30$  or even  $-10$  mV. The diagram emphasizes that a depolarized membrane potential is a hallmark of proliferative capacity and is particularly pronounced in aggressive cancer cells. Thus, membrane potential serves not only as a biophysical property of the cell but also as a functional marker of its proliferative and differentiation status. Made in Biorender

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**Accessibility Assistant**

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How would you describe this object and its context to someone who is blind or low vision?

(1-2 detailed sentences recommended):

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# How to Submit a Dissertation/Thesis: Overview

The process for submitting a dissertation/thesis involves two steps.

Firstly, you must download and complete the author consent form, known as the MEDICA@MUSC IR Submission Request and Consent PDF.

Secondly, you must upload the completed MEDICA@MUSC IR Submission Request and Consent PDF and your dissertation files to the MEDICA@MUSC Digital Commons. This involves creating a Digital Commons account.

The rest of this guide will provide steps for the entire process.

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First Name:   
 Last Name:   
 Email Address:   
 Telephone:   
 MUSC College and/or Department:   
 Choose MUSC Affiliation  
 Classification:   
 Choose Cla  
 Are you an author of the work that will be submitted? Yes ☒ No ☐

**Section 2: General Document Information**

Test Submission Title  
  
 Title of Work

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### **– Step 1 of 2**


# Step 1: MEDICA@MUSC IR Submission Request and Consent

## – Section 1

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[Download](#) the MEDICA@MUSC IR Submission Request and Consent form and complete.

Enter your contact information into Section 1.



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#### Section 1: Contact Information

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Last Name	Doe
Email Address	jane.doe@gmail.com
Telephone	(843) 555-5555
MUSC College and/or Department	College of Health Professions
Classification	Student
Are you an author of the work that will be submitted?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>

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## – Section 2

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Enter the information to describe your dissertation in Section 2.

Include your name as it appears on the published work and your email address (**personal email recommended**) again in this section.

Advisors, mentors, or committee members are not considered coauthors for the purpose of this form and should not be listed.

Section 2: General Document Information	
Title of Work	<div>Title: Subtitle of the Work</div>
Publication Date	<div>8/8/24</div>
Document Type	<div>MUSC Thesis/Dissertation</div>
Author's Name	<div>Jane Doe</div>
Coauthor(s) <small>List names separated by commas as they appear in the published work</small>	
Author Email(s) <small>List author/coauthor email address(es) separated by commas</small>	<div>jane.doe@gmail.com</div>

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## – Section 2 cont.

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To improve the discoverability of the work, it is recommended that you include 3-10 keywords. For the DHA program, include “DHA, Doctor of Health Administration” in your list of terms.

The abstract is required although it is noted as recommended on the form.

List the degree granted.

In the Comments field, you may leave a note for the MEDICA@MUSC administrator or any other descriptive information for the work.

<b>Suggested Keywords and/or National Library of Medicine (NLM) Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)</b> (Recommended)	South Carolina, COVID-19, telehealth, access to health care, rural populations, African Americans, women
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## – Sections 3 and 4

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Omit Sections 3 and 4.

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## – Section 5

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In Section 5, indicate if you'd like to place restrictions (embargo and/or visibility restrictions) on access to the work. Read the directions carefully.

If choosing an embargo, select the date that your work should be made available. **Indefinite embargoes are not possible.**

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### Section 5: Embargo and Visibility Restrictions (Optional)

#### Embargo

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Embargo End Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

08/08/2026

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Restrict visibility to MUSC Net ID users only?

Yes ☒ No ☐

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## - Author Submission Agreement

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In Author Submission Agreement section of the form, review the agreement.

If you agree to the Author Submission Agreement, enter your full name in the Electronic Signature field and then the date.

Save the form and include it with your upload to Digital Commons

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Uploading Your Submission to Digital Commons

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# Step 2: Creating an Account - Access MEDICA@MUSC Homepage

To upload anything to MEDICA@MUSC, you will need a Digital Commons account.

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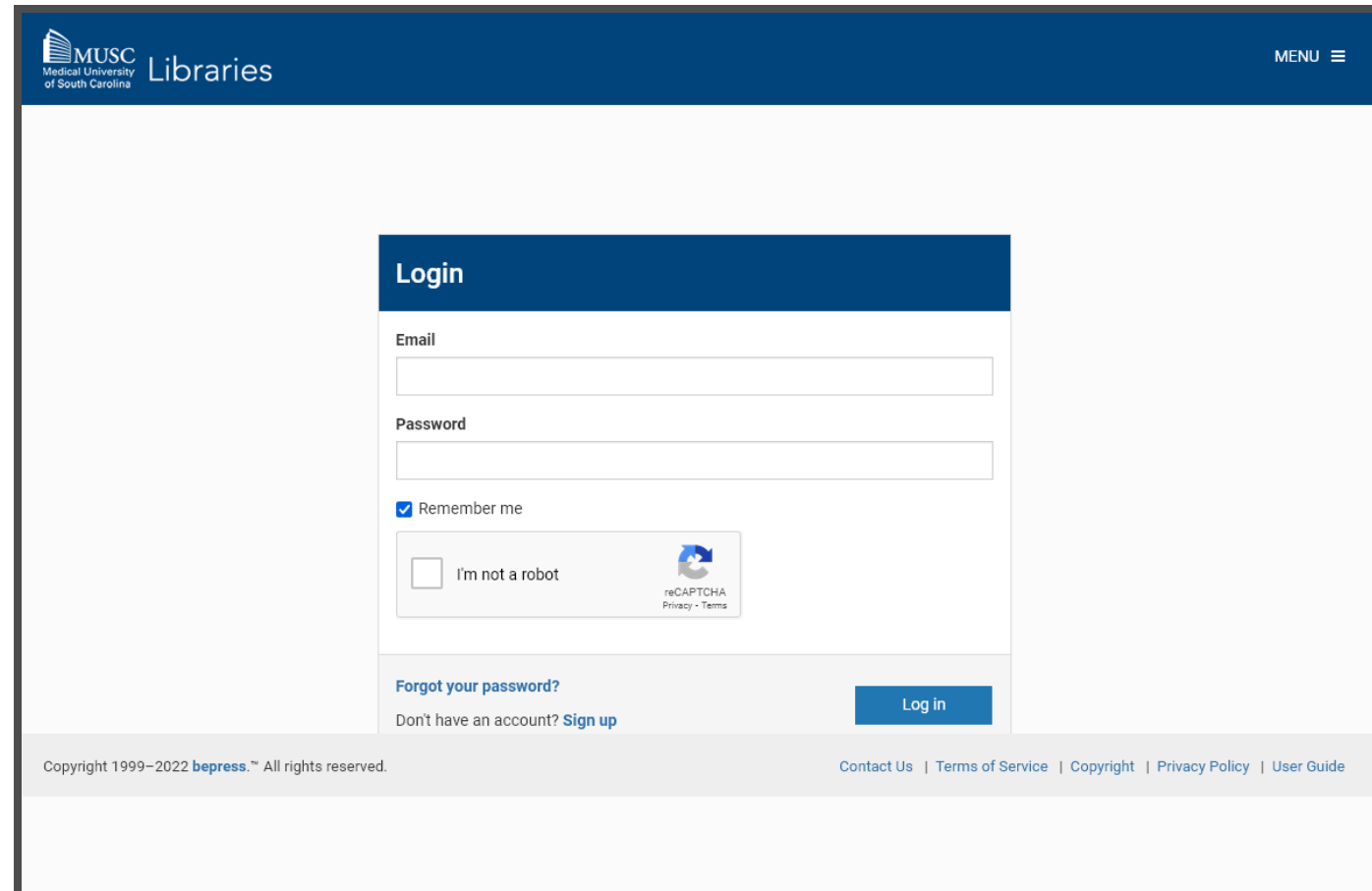
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# Step 2: Creating an Account - Sign Up for a Digital Commons Account

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On the Login page, click Sign Up at the bottom of the form. This will take you to the Create Account form.



The screenshot shows the MUSC Libraries Login page. The header includes the MUSC Medical University of South Carolina logo and the word "Libraries" on the left, and a "MENU" button on the right. The main content area features a "Login" form with the following elements:

- Login** (Section Header)
- Email** (Text label above an input field)
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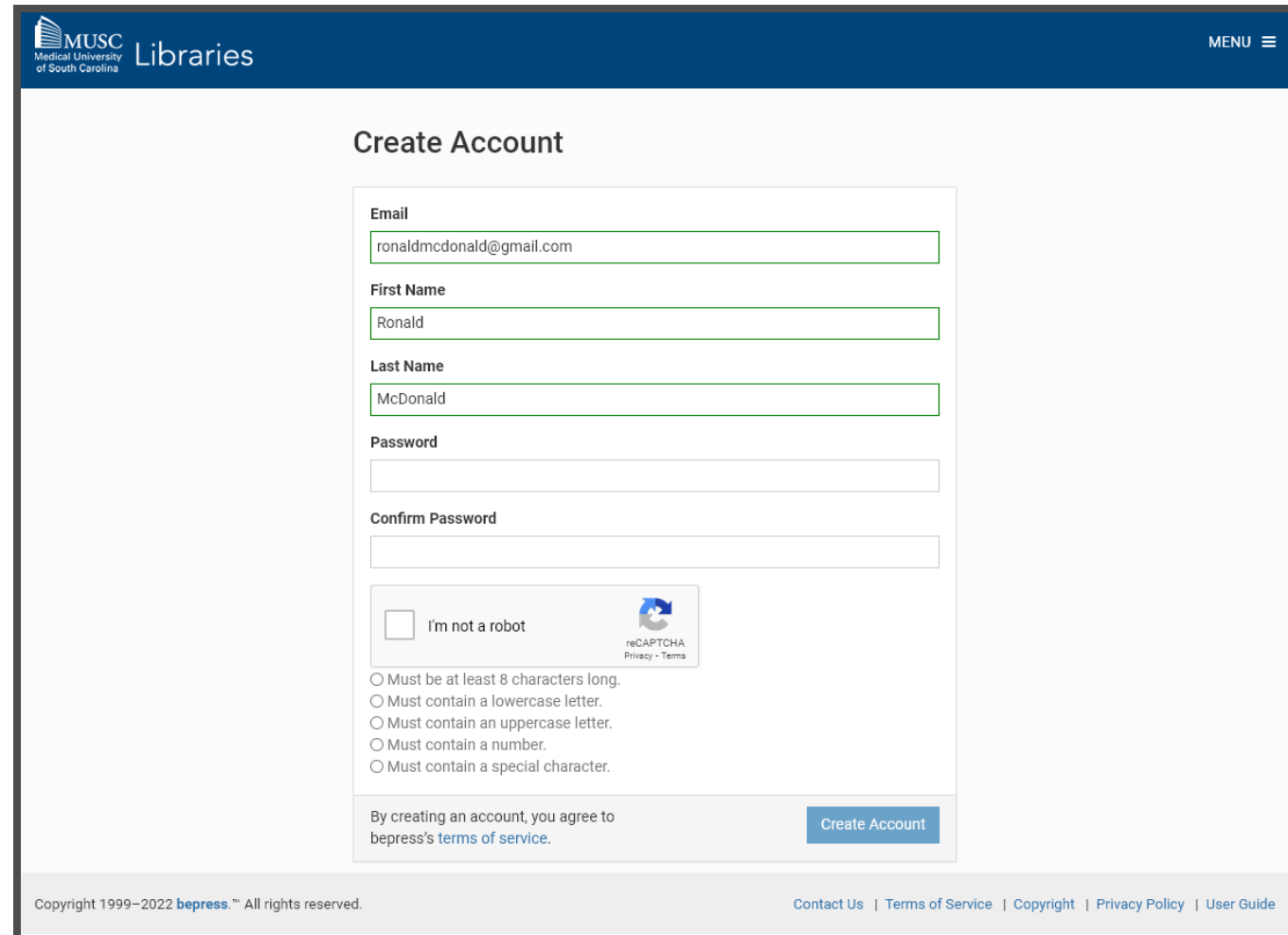


# Step 2: Creating an Account - Complete the Create Account Form

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On the Create Account page, enter credentials for your account.

If you are departing from MUSC soon (i.e., graduating) use your **personal email address** to receive metrics after your departure.



The screenshot shows the 'Create Account' page for MUSC Libraries. The header includes the MUSC Medical University of South Carolina logo and a 'Libraries' title. A 'MENU' button is in the top right. The form fields are: Email (ronalddonald@gmail.com), First Name (Ronald), Last Name (McDonald), Password, and Confirm Password. Below these is a reCAPTCHA 'I'm not a robot' checkbox and a list of password requirements: at least 8 characters, lowercase letter, uppercase letter, number, and special character. At the bottom, there is a checkbox for agreeing to terms of service and a 'Create Account' button. The footer contains copyright information and links for Contact Us, Terms of Service, Copyright, Privacy Policy, and User Guide.

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### Create Account

Email  
ronalddonald@gmail.com

First Name  
Ronald

Last Name  
McDonald

Password

Confirm Password

☐ I'm not a robot

reCAPTCHA  
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- ☐ Must be at least 8 characters long.
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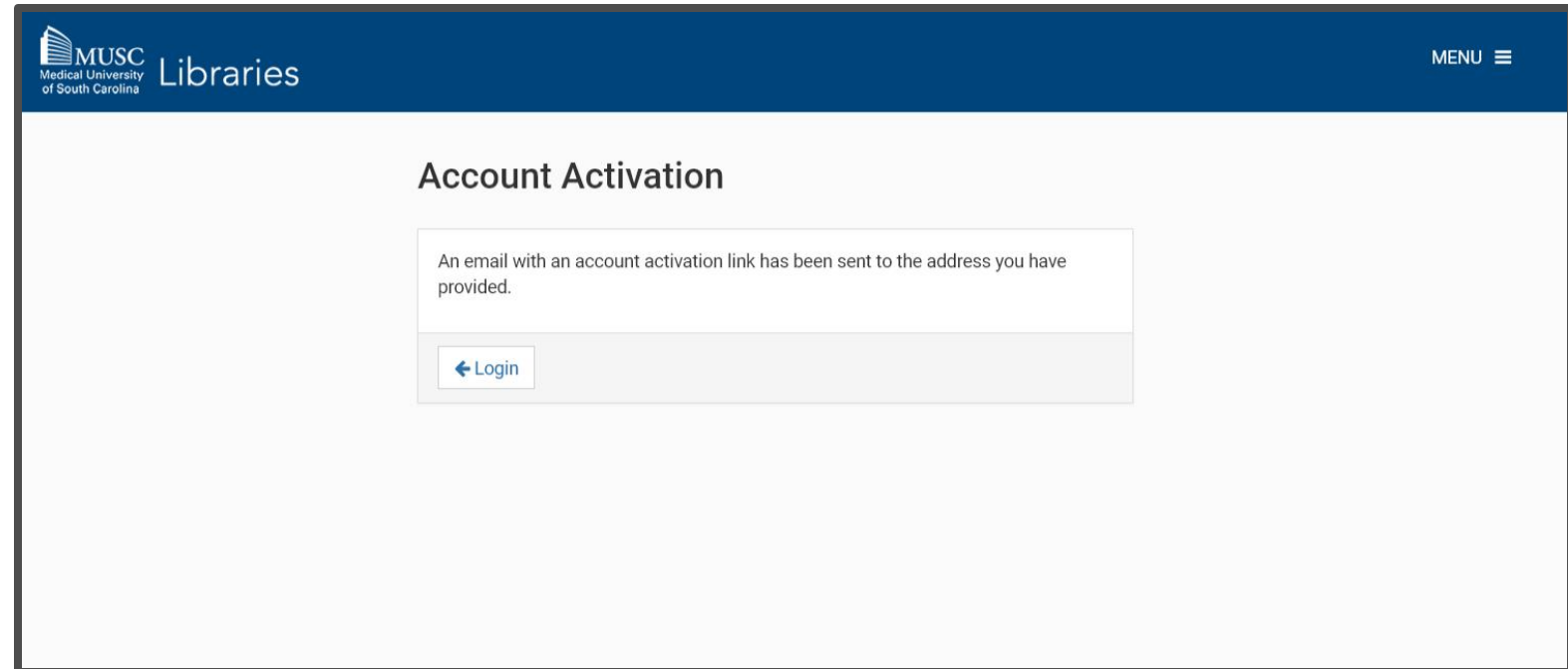
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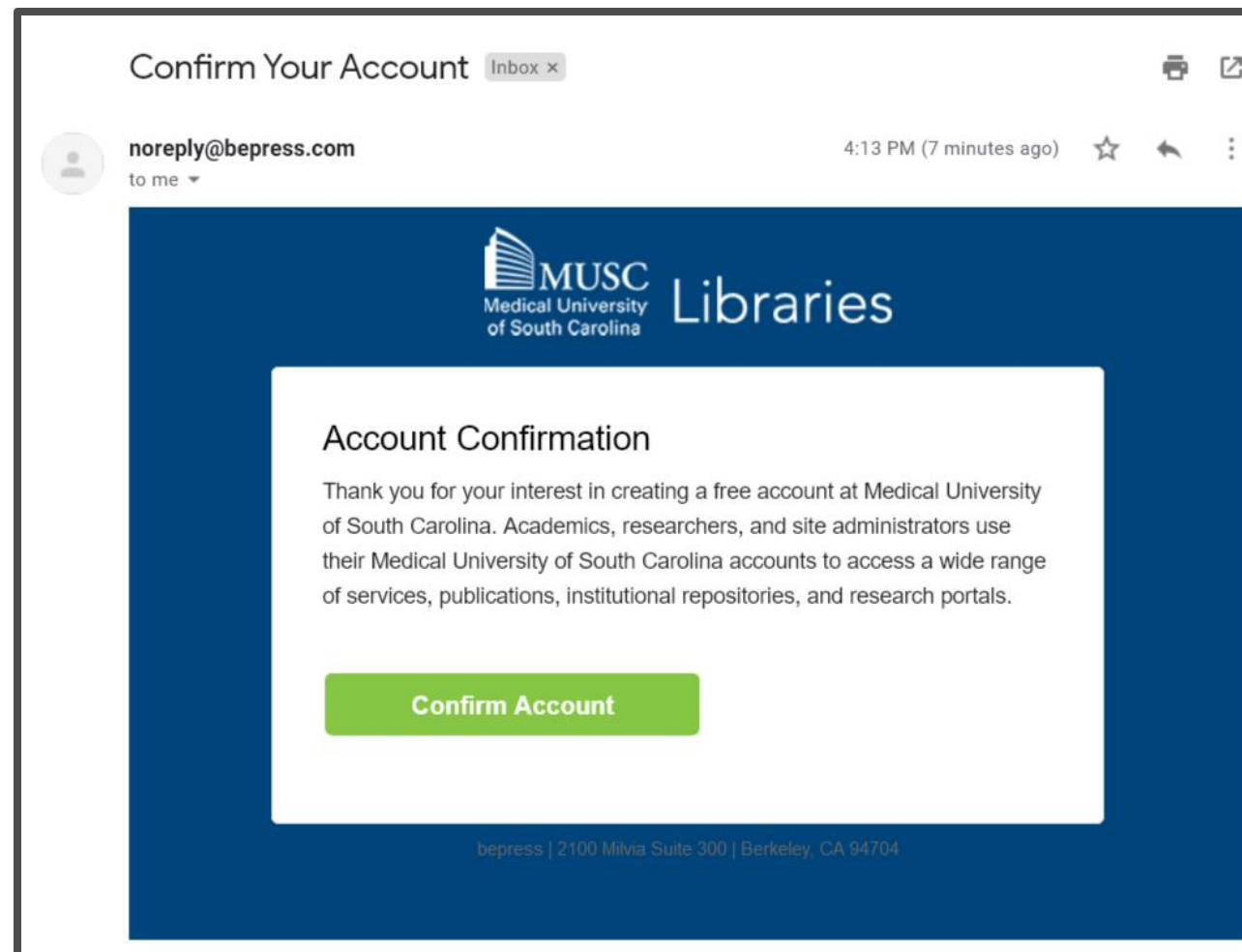
After submitting the Create Account form, you will receive a notice to activate your account via email.



The screenshot shows the MUSC Libraries website header with the logo and a 'MENU' button. The main content area is titled 'Account Activation' and contains a message: 'An email with an account activation link has been sent to the address you have provided.' Below the message is a button labeled '← Login'.

## Step 2: Creating an Account - Confirm Your Account

From your email, click the Confirm Account link in the Confirm Your Account email from [noreply@bepress.com](mailto:noreply@bepress.com) to activate your account.



# Step 2: Creating an Account - Access Your Digital Commons Account

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After activating your account, you may access your account in Digital Commons.

The screenshot shows the 'My Account' page of the MUSC Libraries Digital Commons. The header includes the MUSC Libraries logo and the email address MEDICA@MUSC. The navigation bar at the top right contains links for Home, About, FAQ, and My Account. The main content area is divided into three sections: Browse, Search, and Author Corner on the left; My Account on the right. The My Account section includes a 'Log Out' button and a table with account settings for RONALD MCDONALD. The footer contains the Digital Commons logo and various links.

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# Step 2: Submitting Your Work - Navigate to the Submit Your Research Page

You must be signed into your Digital Commons account to start your upload.

After logging in, click Submit Research in the Author Corner section in the left panel of the page.

The screenshot shows the MUSC Libraries MEDICA@MUSC website. The header includes navigation links: Home, About, FAQ, and My Account. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Browse**: Collections, Disciplines, Authors.
- Search**: Enter search terms, Search button, In this repository dropdown, Advanced Search, Notify me via email or RSS.
- Author Corner**: Author FAQ, Submit Research.
- Browse Research and Scholarship**: Follow button, Research unit, center or department, Journals and peer-reviewed series.
- At a Glance**: Top 10 Downloads All time, Recent Additions 20 most recent additions Activity by year.
- Paper of the Day**: Interprofessional Staff Perspectives on the Adoption of OR Black Box Technology and Critical Event Simulations to Improve Patient Safety: A... Krystle K. Campbell.
- Statistics**: 743 papers to date, 18,692 full-text downloads to date, 14,957 downloads in the past year.
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# Step 2: Submitting Your Work - Choose Collection from Submit Your Research List

On the Submit Your Research Page, select the desired collection from Collections list.

The screenshot shows the 'Submit Your Research' page on the MUSC Libraries MEDICA@MUSC website. The page has a dark blue header with the MUSC logo and 'Libraries' text on the left, and 'MEDICA@MUSC' on the right. Navigation links for Home, About, FAQ, and My Account are in the top right corner.

On the left side, there are three main sections:

- Browse**: Includes links for Collections, Disciplines, and Authors.
- Search**: Features a search bar with the text 'Enter search terms:', a search button, and a dropdown menu for 'in this repository'.
- Author Corner**: Includes links for Author FAQ, Submit Research, and MEDICA@MUSC Submission Guide and Resources.

The main content area is titled 'Submit Your Research' and contains the following text:

Most research can be submitted electronically. Click on a link below to submit your research. Some publications do not allow authors to submit directly. In these cases, you will be provided with a mail form to contact the appropriate administrator for further instruction.

Below this text are several links organized into categories:

- MUSC Conference Papers**
- MUSC Conference Presentations**
- MUSC Department of Public Health Sciences Working Papers**
- MUSC Division of Occupational Therapy**
  - [Entry-Level Occupational Therapy Doctorate - Doctoral Capstone Symposium](#)
  - [Post-Professional Occupational Therapy Doctorate - Innovations in OT Symposium: Transforming Possibilities into Practice](#)
- MUSC Faculty Bookshelf**
- MUSC Faculty Journal Articles**
- MUSC Poster Presentations**
- MUSC Theses and Dissertations**
- NNLM Region 2 RML**
  - [All NNLM R2 Presentations](#)
  - [NNLM Region 2 Newsletters](#)
- SCDCS - Sickle Cell Disease Research Collaborative Studies**
  - [SCDCS Conference Presentations](#)
  - [SCDCS Manuscripts in Development](#)
  - [SCDCS Newsletters](#)
  - [SCDCS Novel Therapy Articles](#)
  - [SCDCS Project Recruitment Flyers](#)
  - [SCDCS Publications](#)
  - [SCDCS Sickle Cell Disease Care Articles](#)



# Step 2: MUSC Theses and Dissertations - Submission Agreement, part 1

After navigating to the [MUSC Theses and Dissertations submission Form](#), start the upload process.

Read the submission agreement carefully.

MUSC does not assume the copyright of your work. You are granting MUSC permission to distribute, retain, and preserve your work.

The screenshot shows the 'MUSC THESES AND DISSERTATIONS' submission agreement page. The header includes the MUSC Libraries logo and navigation links (Home, About, FAQ, My Account). The left sidebar contains sections for 'Browse' (Collections, Disciplines, Authors), 'Search' (with a search bar and filters), and 'Author Corner' (Author FAQ, Policies, Submission Guidelines, Submit Research). The main content area is titled 'MUSC THESES AND DISSERTATIONS' and contains the 'Submission Agreement' section. It includes instructions for submission, a list of steps to follow, and a list of items to be submitted. The agreement text states that the user grants the Medical University of South Carolina the right to distribute, retain, and preserve the work, and that the user warrants the work is original and does not infringe on anyone's copyright. The agreement also mentions that the user understands they retain all other rights in the work, including the right to copy and distribute the work.

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**Browse**

- Collections
- Disciplines
- Authors

**Search**

Enter search terms:

in this series

Advanced Search

Notify me via email or [RSS](#)

**Author Corner**

- Author FAQ
- Policies
- Submission Guidelines
- Submit Research

## MUSC THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

### Submission Agreement

Follow the instructions below to submit to *MUSC Theses and Dissertations*. You will be notified shortly regarding the suitability of your submission for the repository.

Before submitting, please read all relevant policies and/or submission guidelines.

**The submission process consists of the following steps:**

1. Complete a MEDICA@MUSC Submission Request for the Work.
2. Once all authors (if applicable) have approved the request and signed the MEDICA@MUSC Author Submission Agreement electronically, download the MEDICA@MUSC IR Submission Request and Consent PDF.
3. Read and accept the Submission Agreement below.
4. Provide information about yourself and any co-authors.
5. Upload your electronic file, if any, and associated files.

**Before you begin, please be sure you have the following items:**

- The submission's title
- The abstract (up to 250 words)
- A list of keywords (10 maximum)
- Electronically signed MEDICA@MUSC IR Submission Request and Consent PDF
- The electronic format of your file, or hyperlink to your file, if any

### Submission Agreement for *MUSC Theses and Dissertations*

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If the submission is based upon work that has been sponsored or supported by an agency or organization other than the Medical University of South Carolina, I attest that I have fulfilled any right of review or other obligations required by such contract or agreement.

I understand that I retain all other rights in the Work, including without limitation, the right to copy and distribute the Work. The license granted to the Medical University of South Carolina by this agreement will in no way interfere with the rights of the author of the work.

## Step 2: MUSC Theses and Dissertations - Submission Agreement, part 2

If you agree to the submission agreement, check the box and click Continue.

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I hereby warrant that I have read this agreement in its entirety by checking the box below and I fully understand the contents therein. I further warrant that I am of legal age and competent to contract in my own name as far as the above is concerned.

**NOTE:** It is suggested that you print this page for your records.

☒ Please check this if you agree to the above terms.

Continue

# Step 2: MUSC Theses and Dissertations - Submission Form, part 1

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Complete the submission form.

To edit your author information, click the edit icon (person with pencil) in far-right corner of row 1. To add an author, click the green button.

If you do not want an access embargo on your work, select the current date for the Embargo Period field.

To restrict visibility to MUSC users only, select MUSC Only for your document type in the Document Type field.

### MUSC THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

**Browse**

Collections

Disciplines

Authors

**Search**

Enter search terms:

in this series

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Notify me via email or [RSS](#)

**Author Corner**

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**REQUIRED Title**

Please enter the title using Headline Capitalization. It should be entered exactly as it appears in the manuscript of your dissertation or thesis.



Dissertation/Thesis Title:


**REQUIRED Author**

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**REQUIRED Date of Award**

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**REQUIRED Embargo Period**

If there is no embargo, please choose today's date.

Month	Day	Year
July	27	2022

**REQUIRED Document Type**

Document Type:  

✓ Thesis

Dissertation

Thesis - MUSC Only

Dissertation - MUSC Only

# Step 2: MUSC Theses and Dissertations - Submission Form, part 2

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Choose degree name, department(s), college(s) from dropdown menus. If they are not present, leave blank and contact [medica@musc.edu](mailto:medica@musc.edu) to have them added to the lists.

Add advisors to advisor fields: First Name MI. Last Name, Suffix. Exclude credentials.

Degree Name

Name of the degree associated with the work as it appears within the work. (example: Masters in Operations Research)

Degree Name:  
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Department

Department:  
None

Additional Department

None

College

College of Nursing

Additional College

None

First Advisor

First Advisor:  
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You may select subject categories (disciplines) to categorize your work.

Paste the text of your abstract in the Abstract field.



# Step 2: MUSC Theses and Dissertations - Submission Form, part 4

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Keep default Rights statement or edit for your purposes.

Upload your dissertation/thesis file.

Check the checkbox under the Submission Agreement field to upload your MEDICA@MUSC IR Submission Request and Consent PDF.

Click Submit to go to the next screen to upload your MEDICA@MUSC IR Submission Request and Consent PDF.

**Comments**

Additional text to be displayed on index page.

**Comments:**

**Rights**

Enter rights information:

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**REQUIRED Upload Full Text**

To locate your file: Click the **Browse** or **Choose File** button to locate your manuscript on your computer.

**Full text of submission:**

- ☒ Upload file from your computer
- ☐ Import file from remote site
- ☐ Link out to file on remote site

Please upload the full text of your submission:

**Browse...** No file selected.

**REQUIRED Submission Agreement**

You must upload the MEDICA@MUSC IR Submission Request and Consent PDF. Check the box below to indicate that you have the file in order to upload it on the next screen. ☒

**Cancel** **Submit**

This may take a while. Please only click once.

# Step 2: MUSC Theses and Dissertations - Submission Form, part 5

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Choose and upload your MEDICA@MUSC IR Submission Request and Consent PDF.

Add a description and **UNCHECK** the box in the **SHOW** field so that it is not visible on the site.

If you do not **UNCHECK** the **Show** box, **anyone who can access your work will be able to download the form containing your personal information.**

Click Save and Continue.

The screenshot shows the MEDICA@MUSC submission interface. At the top, the MUSC Libraries logo and 'MEDICA@MUSC' are displayed. A green notification box at the top right states 'Uploaded medicasubmission018 (1).pdf'. On the left sidebar, there are sections for 'Browse' (Collections, Disciplines, Authors), 'Search' (with a search bar and 'in this series' dropdown), and 'Author Corner' (Author FAQ, Policies, Submission Guidelines, Submit Research). The main content area is titled 'Upload Supplemental Content' and includes instructions on uploading supplementary material. Below this, there is a section for 'Upload a new file' with a 'Choose File' button. A table lists the uploaded file 'medicasubmission018' with a description 'MEDICA Submission Agreement' and a 'Show' checkbox. The 'Show' checkbox is circled in red. A 'Save' button is located below the table. At the bottom, there is a 'Continue' button and a note to click 'Continue' after attaching supplemental files.

**Browse**

- Collections
- Disciplines
- Authors

**Search**

Enter search terms:

in this series

[Advanced Search](#)

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**Author Corner**

- [Author FAQ](#)
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**Upload Supplemental Content**

If your submission includes supplementary material--spreadsheets, audio clips, or other material that isn't part of the text portion of your work--you can upload it here. If you wish to upload a supplementary file, use the form below to locate the file on your computer.

Click the **Browse** button to upload the file. Repeat this process for each additional file you want to upload. When you are done, click **Continue**.

Upload a new file:  No file chosen

Filename	Description	Upload new version	Sort	Show
<a href="#">medicasubmission018</a>	<input type="text" value="MEDICA Submission Agreement"/>	<input type="button" value="Choose File"/> No file chosen	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Checked items will appear with the published thesis/dissertation.

Please click the **Continue** button once after you've attached your supplemental files.



## Step 2: MUSC Theses and Dissertations - Next Steps

After your work has been submitted, the MEDICA@MUSC administrator will review your work.

The approval of your work will be at the discretion of the MEDICA@MUSC administrator.

Once your work is approved, it can be accessed in the [MUSC Theses and Dissertations collection](#).

On the work's page, you will be able to view PLUMX Metrics for your work. If the work is not downloadable, the embargo end date will be displayed.

The screenshot displays the digital repository page for a thesis. On the left, there are navigation menus for 'Browse' (Collections, Disciplines, Authors), 'Search' (with a search bar and 'in this series' dropdown), 'Advanced Search', and 'Author Corner' (Author FAQ, Policies, Submission Guidelines, Submit Research). The main content area features the title 'Discovery and Evaluation of a Small Molecule CD38 Inhibitor: Immunostimulation of Natural Killer Cells for the Treatment of Neuroblastoma' by Catherine Maria Mills, Medical University of South Carolina. It lists the 'Date of Award' as 1-1-2022, the 'Embargo Period' as 4-20-2023, and the 'Document Type' as Dissertation. A list of five advisors is provided: Patrick M. Woster, Pieter B. Burger, Nathan G. Dollhoff, Yuri K. Peterson, and Jessica E. Thaxton. An abstract is visible, discussing high-risk neuroblastoma and the role of CD38. A 'Download' button is present, along with a note that the work is available for download on Thursday, April 20, 2023. There is also a 'PLUMX METRICS' button and social media share options. At the bottom, a 'Recommended Citation' and 'Rights' section are visible.

# Submission Completed

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