Master of Science in Clinical Investigation
Thesis Requirement

Scholars are required to complete a research paper submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal in order to obtain the MSCI degree. To qualify as a thesis, the manuscript must be submitted for publication to a peer-reviewed journal. Final conferral of the MSCI degree is contingent on demonstration that the manuscript was submitted for review.

Thesis Committee:
• Each scholar will form his/her own thesis committee.
  o Members should include: the primary mentor, the CRTC program mentor, and one additional mentor selected by the scholar and his or her primary and CRTC mentors.
  o Mentor Agreement Forms should be used for any mentor with whom you are not already working.
• The thesis committee must meet at least twice.
  o Scholars are responsible for scheduling their own meetings.
  o CRTC conference rooms are available for use if needed (please contact Mary Favazza at 454-8224 or mfavazza@dom.wustl.edu to reserve a room).

Preliminary Meeting:
• Held during the semester before anticipated graduation (typically in November or December).
• Review the scholar’s plan for completing and publishing a research project.
  o Any difficulties anticipated in completing the project must be discussed and the approval of the committee obtained in writing.
• The Thesis Preliminary Meeting form must be signed by all three mentors indicating their expectation for completion, and returned to the Curriculum and Evaluation Coordinator, Angela Wilson, no later than December 15th of each year.

Final Approval Meeting:
• Held during the scholar’s final semester.
• Send a copy of the manuscript to the thesis committee members at least one week prior to the meeting. Include the proposed journal and anticipated date of submission.
• The meeting should consist of the scholar’s brief (about 15 min.), formal presentation of the research followed by the committee’s discussion of the manuscript. PowerPoint presentations are not required but may be useful.
• The Thesis Final Approval form must be signed by all three mentors indicating their approval, and returned to the Curriculum and Evaluation Coordinator no later than May 1st.