ETDs for Beginners

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Agenda

- Dissertation Distribution Program
- ProQuest Dissertation and Thesis Database
- Electronic Theses and Dissertation Administrator Overview
- Dissertation Dashboard
- Conclusion
Many top-ranked research universities – as defined by the Carnegie Foundation – publish with ProQuest

Includes works by authors from more than 3,100 graduate schools and universities the world over

The number of new dissertations and theses published annually is over 200,000

Universities such as Harvard, Yale and Princeton have participated for more than 50 years

Not just PhDs – Thousands of Master’s Degrees are included each year
Database Users

- More than 3,000 libraries around the world have access to the ProQuest Dissertation and Theses database (PQDT)

- Including 70% of the world’s top universities

- Notable universities include:
  - Oxford University
  - University of Toronto
  - Peking University
  - University of Queensland
  - Harvard University
  - Yale University
  - Princeton University
  - Stanford University
ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Collection

- Comprehensive collection of dissertations and theses with 4.2 million graduate works
- Includes dissertations and master’s theses from 1861 to the present
- ProQuest is a “National Collection” as conferred by the Library of Congress. All graduate works sent by universities enter the Library of Congress collection.
ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Collection

- For nearly **80 years**, millions of researchers have looked at PQDT to find the latest graduate research.

- ProQuest provides dissertation citations to all major **field or subject specific indexes**, for example Compendex, Philosopher’s Index, ChemAbstracts, PsycINFO, ERIC, ABI/INFORM, etc.

- **Global access** – ProQuest publishes the world’s most widely used PhD and master’s theses research tools.

- Maximizes **discoverability** – More than **200,000,000 searches** in PQDT in 2016s alone!

- ProQuest is a **non-exclusive publisher**

- **Author keeps their copyright**

- **10% royalty to authors**
Digital and Microfilm Preservation

- Maintain and preserve dissertations and theses collection **digitally and on microform**

- Microfilm copies are created for **all** dissertations and master’s theses, whether submitted on paper or as digital files

- Tests have shown that microfilm is archivally secure for **1,000 years**

- For **Digital Preservation** - Working toward “Trusted Digital Repository Status” using OCLC / RLG Guidelines
Electronic Submission

- **The ProQuest ETD Administrator** is a no-fee web based submission and management system.
- Each ETD Administrator site is **customized specifically for the university**
- Populates your **Institutional Repository**
- Over **700 universities** use the ETD Administrator to submit dissertations and theses to ProQuest
- Hosted by ProQuest
Key Advantages of the System

- **Easy for administrators / universities** – Administrators log on to do degree clearance, review and manage submissions, communicate with students by email, and send on to ProQuest.

- **The system keeps track of all actions** – No more paper to store, keep track of, and ship!

- **Great for libraries** – Free delivery of the pre-print to libraries, which can be used in a library’s institutional repository.

- **University Publishing Agreement** - Option for university to include custom publishing agreement (and embargo options) as part of the ProQuest ETD Administrator. This enables the university to capture publishing rights in the tool.

- **Constant development of enhancements**: ORCID ID option
The System

Utilizing Proquest's cloud submission software as a service system known as ETD Administrator

Student submits metadata

Student submits PDF

System forwards PDF to a University administrator who checks and authorizes the submission

System sends PDF to ProQuest editors who further check it and ok it

System simultaneously feeds PDF to PQDT and the University's own open access (OA) IR

PQDT
The System

University utilizes own ingest system to collect student's theses.

University modifies its own submission system to include an option for students to submit via PQDT.

Student sees the PQDT option, clicks "Agree" to the ProQuest agreement to send also to PQDT.

ProQuest ingests the theses into PQDT either by harvest or FTP.
Make your thesis or dissertation available to the research community with ProQuest ETD Administrator

Here's why:

- It's easy
- Submissions, revisions, re-submissions, and approvals with your administrator, online
- Your work deposited, as applicable, into your institution’s repository
- Your work, part of the most comprehensive collection of dissertations and theses in the world—ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global

Here's the workflow:

1. Submit
   You

2. Review
   Your institutional administrator

3. Revise & Approve
   You and your administrator

4. Deliver
   Your administrator, to ProQuest!

5. Done
   Your work is now on ProQuest!

Create or continue with submission
ProQuest Dissertations Dashboard

Through *Dissertations Dashboard*, ProQuest is able to provide universities with information regarding how their graduate works are being used at universities around the globe:

- How many times were our school's dissertations downloaded from ProQuest last year?
- How does our usage compare with our peer schools?
- Could I see trends over years?
- Who is accessing the dissertations published by students of my school?
- How does my school's access of dissertations compare with my peer schools?
- Is my school stronger than my peers in particular subject area?
Historical Usage Trends

Usage of your dissertations over time

Retrievals (thousands)
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Popular Subjects

Your most frequently retrieved dissertation subjects

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Usage Comparison

Retrievals of your dissertations versus retrievals of other universities’ dissertations

- Northeastern University: 75,624 retrievals
- Anonymous: 190,628 retrievals
- Anonymous: 159,276 retrievals
- Anonymous: 132,300 retrievals
- Anonymous: 124,853 retrievals
- Anonymous: 112,196 retrievals
- Anonymous: 104,914 retrievals
- Anonymous: 101,359 retrievals
- Anonymous: 92,386 retrievals
- Anonymous: 82,689 retrievals
- Anonymous: 73,947 retrievals
- Anonymous: 73,449 retrievals
- Anonymous: 69,982 retrievals
- Anonymous: 57,013 retrievals
- Anonymous: 44,785 retrievals
- Anonymous: 41,070 retrievals
Usage by Other Universities

Retrievals of your dissertations, by top viewers or by selected groups

- Northeastern University: 5,559 retrievals
- University of Alberta (Canada): 2,218 retrievals
- Capella University: 1,036 retrievals
- University of Phoenix: 976 retrievals
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology: 777 retrievals
- Nova Southeastern University: 662 retrievals
- Villanova University: 494 retrievals
- University of Toronto (Canada): 473 retrievals
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: 473 retrievals
- Cornell University: 467 retrievals

Filter

Usage: 2013 to 2014

Published: 1997 to 2014

Format: Any

Universities: Top viewers

Subjects

Select Subjects >

Apply Filters

Save

Reset
### Popular Dissertations

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Usage by Country

Retrievals of your dissertations, from around the world

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