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 130,000

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 4.0 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 **70 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 2015 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 **650 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 added last month
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
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
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)
Historical Usage Trends

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Retrievals (thousands)
Popular Subjects

Your most frequently retrieved dissertation subjects

- Sociology, Criminology and Penology: 5,204
- Education, Leadership: 5,038
- Sociology, Public and Social Welfare: 4,830
- Education, Technology of: 4,124
- Psychology, Clinical: 4,103
- Education, Administration: 3,822
- Engineering, Electronics and Electrical: 3,663
- Political Science, General: 3,440
- Psychology, Counseling: 3,435
- Education, Secondary: 3,432
Usage Comparison

Retrievals of your dissertations versus retrievals of other universities' dissertations

Filter

- Usage
  - 2013 to 2014

- Published
  - 1997 to 2014

- Format
  - Any

- Universities
  - Default group

- Subjects
  - Select Subjects

Apply Filters Reset
Usage by Other Universities

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

- Northeastern University: 5,550
- University of Alberta (Canada): 2,218
- Capella University: 1,036
- University of Phoenix: 976
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology: 777
- Nova Southeastern University: 662
- Villanova University: 494
- University of Toronto (Canada): 473
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: 473
- Cornell University: 467
Popular Dissertations

Your most frequently retrieved dissertations

Retrievals

Facebook Use in Relation To Gender, Introversion-Extroversion, and Sense of Belonging Among College Students

The impact of trait and state anger on emotional eating following laboratory based mood induction

First step or last chance: At-risk youth, alternative schooling and juvenile delinquency

The academic and social impact of divorce on early childhood students in school

Digital Natives and Digital Immigrants: Teaching with technology

At-Risk Students and the Dropout Rate: What influences student decisions to remain in school or drop-out in a suburban high sc...

A case study exploring technology integration and incorporation of 21st century skills in elementary classrooms

Adolescent youth and social control: The changing role of public schools

Diversity in municipal police agencies: A national examination of its determinants and effects

The relationship among self-regulation, sociodramatic play, and preschoolers' readiness for kindergarten
### Usage by Country

Retrievals of your dissertations, from around the world

#### Filter
- **Usage**
  - 2013 to 2014
- **Published**
  - 1997 to 2014
- **Format**
  - Any
- **Subjects**
  - Select Subjects

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Retrievals of your dissertations, from around the world

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- **Published**: 1997 to 2014
- **Format**: Any
- **Subjects**: Engineering, Aerospace, Engineering, Agricultural Engineering, Architectural Engineering

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