ProQuest Dissertations and Theses
Overview

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Agenda

• Dissertations and ProQuest
• Short form video – Pilot Project

ProQuest enables people to change their world.
Content
The world's largest commercially available information archive

1.5B
digital documents

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centuries of Content

3
Searches per second

Highly scalable and differentiated business

Archives from museums & libraries
Partnerships with Publishers
Expert Abstracting, Indexing

Digital Collections
Aggregated and A&I Databases

Curated Collections
Broadly Discoverable
ProQuest believe in the importance of the dissertation as a form of scholarly communication.
The Largest Curated Collection & Most Reliable Search Tool

PQDT Global: Graduate Works (in millions)

4.0M total citations (A&I)

2.0M available in PQDT Global in Full Text PDF
A Tried & Trusted Solution for Dissertations Discovery

The database of record for graduate research (American Research Libraries)

Official dissertations repository for the United States Library of Congress

Collection includes the work by authors from more than 3,100 graduate schools and universities globally
Most 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

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 80% of the world’s top universities
ProQuest Editorial creates more discoverable content

**Author Submission to ProQuest**
Dissertation/thesis author supplies abstract and keywords

**Editor Checks Metadata**
Editorial team of subject matter experts reviews metadata and quality of each submission

**Discovery enhancements**
Editorial team supplements the submission with additional keywords and subject terms from ProQuest’s controlled vocabulary for maximum exposure

**Metadata & PDF ingested & searchable**
Dissertation/thesis is ingested into the PQDT database and is fully searchable!
Why Distribute with ProQuest?

- ProQuest is a non-exclusive publisher

- Authors / universities retain their copyright

- ProQuest pays a 10% royalty to authors on all sales (PDF, hard and soft bound, microfilm)

- Free – no fee for author or university
Why Distribute with ProQuest?

- ProQuest provides thesis citations to **all major subject indexes**, expanding the reach of your university’s research. Subject indexes include SciFinder, Inspec, Compendex, PsycINFO, ERIC, MathSciNet, ABI/INFORM, Wilson Art Index, Institute of Physics, etc. (full list here: [http://media2.proquest.com/documents/ThirdPartyIndexingPartnersSubjectalpha.pdf](http://media2.proquest.com/documents/ThirdPartyIndexingPartnersSubjectalpha.pdf))
Technology Leadership

- Preservation – Digital and analog (microfilm)
- ProQuest can distribute dissertations and theses in all formats including:
  - Audio
  - Video
  - Datasets
  - Operating systems
  - …and more!
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
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
Key Advantages of the System

- **Easy** for administrators / universities
- The system **keeps track** of all actions
- Great for **libraries**
- University **Deposit Agreement**
- Constant development of **enhancements**
Historical Usage Trends

Usage of your dissertations over time

Retrievals (thousands)
Popular Subjects

Your most frequently retrieved dissertation subjects

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Usage by Other Universities

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ProQuest is undertaking a pilot project in 2017 that would include the following related to short form videos which summarize dissertation/thesis research:

1) Build an open access web portal to collect and display short form videos (including, but not limited to, 3MTs) from universities around the world

2) Transcribe the short form videos and provide videos + transcription to universities for local use

3) Facilitate discovery and access of short form videos via search engines
Rights and ProQuest Pilot

Similar to the rights that ProQuest obtains for master’s and PhD theses, ProQuest would seek:

1) Non-exclusive rights to include short form videos in ProQuest’s open access short form thesis video database

2) Author or university would retain copyright

3) Provide rights to universities to use ProQuest-created video transcripts for local use at no fee
Short Form Videos

A new form of scholarly activity.
Adopted around the world.
Hosted Open Access

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Award Winners

Three Minute Thesis Title
Emil Juvan - University of Queensland
2014 People's Choice

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Dominant Dissemination Venue
Short Form Video Open Access Beta Database

Searching: nanotechnology 72 results

A Fuel of the Future - Runner-up & People's Choice
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