# ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Breakfast

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# Agenda

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II.  A Look back at 2025

**6 Shanghai Top 200 Institutions**

**Shanghai Top 100**

\# 3 MIT

\# 9 CALTECH

\# 82 MONASH UNIVERSITY

\# 90 UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

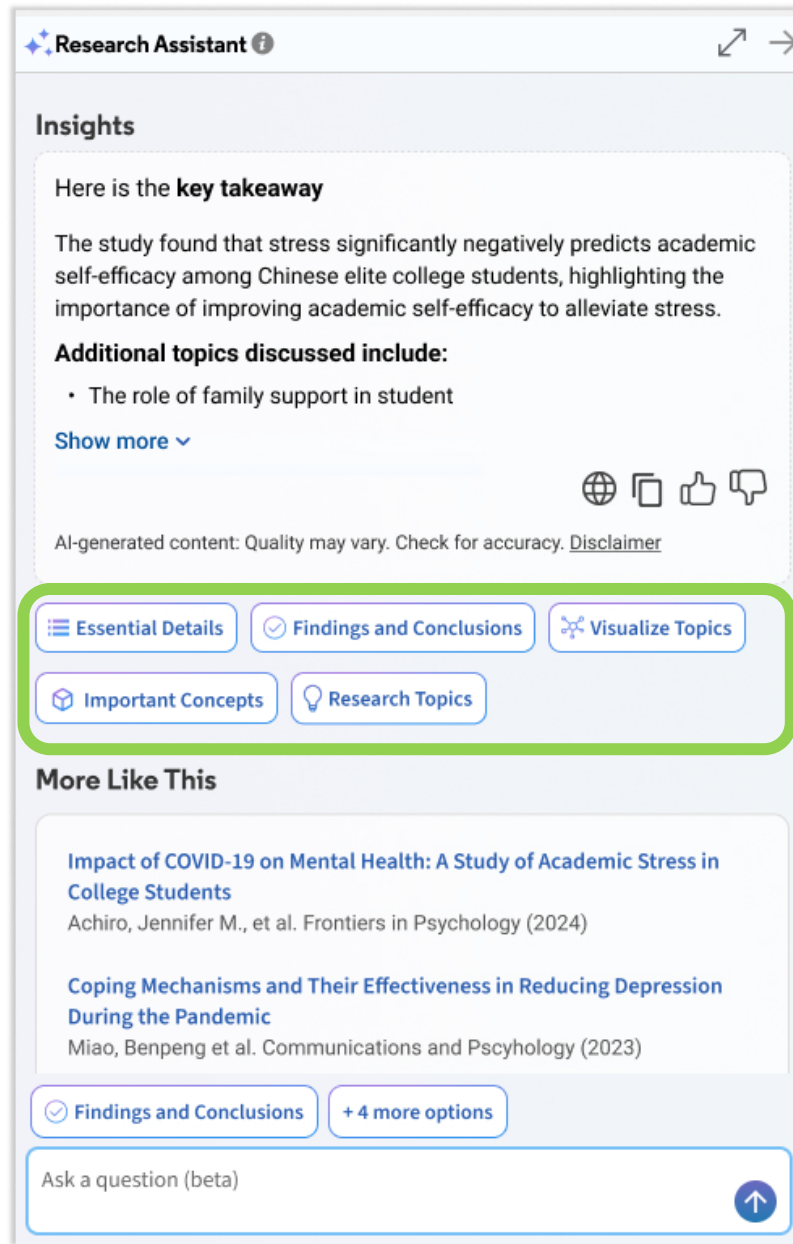\# 93 UPPSALA UNIVERSITY

**8 New Countries**

Oman
Tanzania
Uzbekistan
Malta
Austria
Liberia
Zimbabwe
Finland

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# III. Recent Releases: PQ platform

# Research Assistant UI Refresh

- Following user interviews and Pendo feedback, we will make a series of style enhancements to the Research Assistant sidebar present on docview.

- In short, the goal of this first enhancement is to move the clickable AI Insights to the forefront of the RA panel, putting them initially at the users' fingertips (rather than hidden at the bottom of the screen).

- Upon scroll, the AI insights will appear anchored to the bottom of the RA panel, such that they remain available to the user at all times.


- Other changes include clearer labeling of the different 'types' of feature within the panel;

  - o **Insights** for the AI summarization tools

  - o **More Like This** for tools helping the user find other documents that are similar in nature (Suggested Sources, Indexing Terms etc).



✦ Research Assistant ⓘ

**Insights**

Here is the **key takeaway**

The study found that stress significantly negatively predicts academic self-efficacy among Chinese elite college students, highlighting the importance of improving academic self-efficacy to alleviate stress.

**Additional topics discussed include:**

- The role of family support in student

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≣ Essential Details   ⊘ Findings and Conclusions   ⚛ Visualize Topics

⬡ Important Concepts   ♡ Research Topics

**More Like This**

Impact of COVID-19 on Mental Health: A Study of Academic Stress in College Students
Achiro, Jennifer M., et al. Frontiers in Psychology (2024)

Coping Mechanisms and Their Effectiveness in Reducing Depression During the Pandemic
Miao, Benpeng et al. Communications and Pscyhology (2023)

⊘ Findings and Conclusions   + 4 more options

Ask a question (beta)

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# IV. Preview of 2026 Product Release: the PQ Accessibility Checker

# PQ Accessibility Checker (integrated into the ETD Administrator)

## WHAT IT WILL DO:

Enable institutions who use the ProQuest ETD Administrator to check whether or not ETDs meet federal accessibility standards.

## VALUE TO HIGHER EDUCATION:

Gives schools a built-in tool to identify theses and dissertations that will need accessibility remediation BEFORE they are published to the institutional repository or in Clarivate's ProQuest and Web of Science platforms.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

ProQuest and CGS will collaborate on a webinar that addresses the concerns of graduate deans and the new ADA Title II regulations that go into effect in April 2026. Be sure to join us in FEBRUARY!

## WHY NOW?

**U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has finalized new ADA Title II regulations that set clear digital accessibility requirements for state and local governments. These rules were published in the *Federal Register* in April 2024 and have compliance deadlines starting April 24, 2026.**

- **Standards:** Must conform to **WCAG 2.1 Level AA**
- Text alternatives for images and non-text content
- Keyboard navigability for users who cannot use a mouse
- Sufficient color contrast for readability
- Captions for videos and accessible multimedia
- Mobile responsiveness and touch target accessibility.

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