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ProQuest Dissertations & Theses (PQDT) User Guide

ProQuest Dissertations & Theses (PQDT): The Humanities and Social Sciences Collection

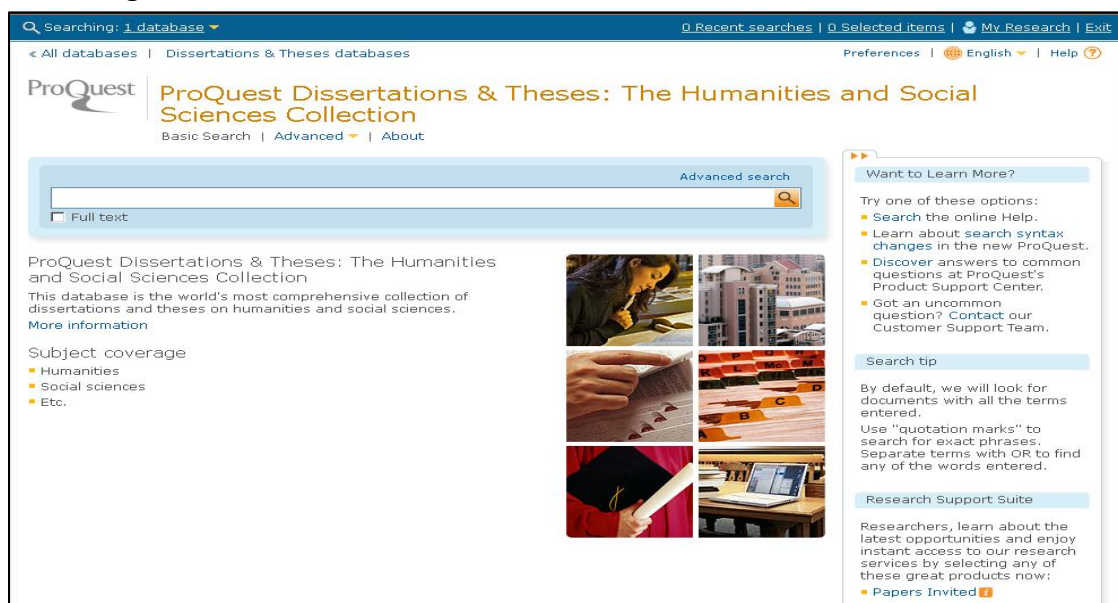
About PQDT: With more than 2.9 million entries, *ProQuest Dissertations & Theses (PQDT)* is the most comprehensive collection of dissertations and theses in the world.

ProQuest Dissertations & Theses allows:

- **Graduate students** to consult the database to make sure their proposed thesis or dissertation topics have not already been written about
- **Students, faculty, and other researchers** to search for titles related to their scholarly interests
- Instant access to high-quality, **peer-reviewed** and **multidisciplinary** research materials
- Building your **ebooks** collection – with each dissertation including an ISBN, ProQuest is the world's largest publisher of **ISBNs**
- **Cross-searching** with journal and other content types on the ProQuest platform

The database includes bibliographic citations for materials ranging from the first U.S. dissertation, accepted in 1861 as well as European dissertations back from the 17th century, to those accepted as recently as last semester.

Home Page:



Basic Search:

You can Search across all of **ProQuest Dissertations & Theses** with the Basic Search. Boolean, proximity, and field codes are supported. The default is to search for **ALL** terms entered. Separate terms with **OR** to find any of the terms. To search for an exact phrase, use "**quotation marks**" around your search.

- Enter search terms in the search field
- Click [Search](#)
- You can limit to Full text only

ProQuest will perform your search, and you will see the Search Results page.

For Example we have searched for a keyword “entrepreneurship”

The screenshot displays the ProQuest Dissertations & Theses search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'All databases', 'Dissertations & Theses databases', 'Preferences', 'English', and 'Help'. The main header reads 'ProQuest Dissertations & Theses: The Humanities and Social Sciences Collection' with sub-links for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced', and 'About'. The search bar contains the text 'entrepreneurship' and a checkbox labeled 'Full text' which is checked. A blue callout box with a pointer to the 'Full text' checkbox contains the text 'Keyword search with limiting to full text only'. Below the search bar, there is a section titled 'ProQuest Dissertations & Theses: The Humanities and Social Sciences Collection' with a description: 'This database is the world's most comprehensive collection of dissertations and theses on humanities and social sciences.' and a link for 'More information'. To the right of this text is a collage of four images: a person reading, a building, a hand holding a book, and a laptop. On the far right, there are two sidebars. The first sidebar, titled 'Want to Learn More?', lists options: 'Search the online Help.', 'Learn about search syntax changes in the new ProQuest.', 'Discover answers to common questions at ProQuest's Product Support Center.', and 'Got an uncommon question? Contact our Customer Support Team.' The second sidebar, titled 'Search tip', provides instructions: 'By default, we will look for documents with all the terms entered.', 'Use "quotation marks" to search for exact phrases.', and 'Separate terms with OR to find any of the words entered.' The third sidebar, titled 'Research Support Suite', encourages researchers to learn about the latest opportunities and enjoy instant access to research services by selecting any of the great products now, with a link for 'Papers Invited'.

Search Result:

Search result will be displayed as below

11935 Results * Search within [Create alert](#) [Create RSS feed](#) [Save search](#)

0 Selected items [Clear] [Save to My Research](#) [Email](#) [Print](#) [Cite](#) [Export/Save](#)

Select 1-20 [Brief view](#) | [Detailed view](#)

1 [Defining and measuring entrepreneurship for regional research: A new approach](#) [Preview](#)
Diss.Low, Sarah A.. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2009. 2009. 3392201.
...regional measure of **entrepreneurship** that will aid **entrepreneurship** research and
...over current measures of **entrepreneurship**. The chief contribution of these new
References (125)
[Citation/Abstract](#) [Preview - PDF \(723 KB\)](#) [Full text - PDF \(5 MB\)](#) [Order a copy](#)

2 [Nature vs. nurture: Who is interested in entrepreneurship education? A study of business and technology undergraduates based on Social Cognitive Career Theory](#) [Preview](#)
Diss.Bernstein, Andrew. The George Washington University, 2011. 2011. 3433540.
...do so. Undergraduate **entrepreneurship** education intends to
...students' understanding of **entrepreneurship** and their likelihood
...However, since formal **entrepreneurship** education is not a
References (236)
[Citation/Abstract](#) [Preview - PDF \(291 KB\)](#) [Full text - PDF \(1 MB\)](#) [Order a copy](#)

3 [Minority entrepreneurship: Entrepreneurship education at Historically Black Colleges and Universities and inner city economic development](#) [Preview](#)
Diss.Oyefusi, Olatunji O.. University of Phoenix, 2009. 2009. 3394579.
...the relationship between **entrepreneurship** education at Historically Black
...was to determine whether or not **entrepreneurship** education at HBCUs improve
...relationship between the **entrepreneurship** education alumni starting businesses
References (194)
[Citation/Abstract](#) [Preview - PDF \(824 KB\)](#) [Full text - PDF \(2 MB\)](#) [Order a copy](#)

4 [Short-term project organizations for corporate entrepreneurship: Evidence from the Japanese animation industry \(2000-2008\)](#) [Preview](#)
Diss.Kim, Sahangsoon. University of Southern California, 2010. 2010. 3434447.
... Corporate **entrepreneurship** has been and will continue to be
...become valuable for corporate **entrepreneurship** projects. My dissertation is a
...organizations for corporate **entrepreneurship**. Specifically, I examined two
References (239)
[Citation/Abstract](#) [Preview - PDF \(819 KB\)](#) [Full text - PDF \(4 MB\)](#) [Order a copy](#)

5 [Students' perceptions of entrepreneurship at a historically black university in](#) [Preview](#)

Sort results by:
Relevance [Sort](#)

Narrow results by

- ☐ Source type
 - Dissertations & Theses (11935)**
- ☐ Publication title
- ☐ Subject
- ☐ Company/Organization
- ☐ Location
- ☐ Person
- ☐ Author keyword
- ☐ Tags
- ☐ Language
- ☐ School name
- ☐ Publication date
 - 1935 - 2012 (decades)

[Update](#)

In the search result, you can limit/refine your search by

By Publication title

By Subject

By Company/Organization

By Location

By Person

By Author Keywords

By Language

By School name

By Publication date

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Advanced Search:

Boolean, proximity, and field codes are supported. The default is to search for **ALL** terms entered. Separate terms with **OR** to find any of the terms. To search for an exact phrase, use "quotation marks" around your search.

When running a search, the search default from the pull-down menu is either set to **All fields + text** or **All fields (no full text)**. **All fields + text** searches the full bibliographic record (all indexed fields) including the ProQuest full text. **All fields (no full text)** search the full bibliographic record, but does NOT include a search of the ProQuest full text. Other search fields can also be chosen from the pull-down menu such as **abstract**, **author** and **document title**.

Advanced Search
Look Up Citation | Command Line

Field codes | Search tips

in **All fields + text**
in **All fields + text**
in **All fields (no full text) - ALL**
in **Abstract - AB**
in **Author - AU**
in **Document text - FT**
in **Document title - TI**
in **ISBN - ISBN**
in **Subject heading (all) - SU**
in **Tag - TAG**
in **More options**
in **Advisor - ADV**
in **Committee member - CMT**
in **Dissertation - DC**

Search options
Limit to: ☐ Full text
Date range: **All dates**

Limit to Full Text: Full Text is the first limit that appears in the Advanced Search.(A)

Data Range: The Date range limit defaults to search all dates (B)

Search options

Limit to: ☐ Full text (A)

Date range: **All dates** (B)

Show less ▲

Advisor: Look up Advisors (C)

School name: Look up School names

Subject name: Look up Subject names

Index term: Look up Index terms

Manuscript type: ☐ Select all
☐ Master's theses (D)
☐ Doctoral dissertations

Language: ☐ Select all
☐ English
☐ Estonian
☐ Finnish
☐ French
☐ Gallegan
☐ German
☐ Greek
☐ Hawaiian

Sort results by: **Relevance**

Items per page: **20**

Duplicates: ☐ Include duplicate documents

Search subject areas
Use search forms customized for each subject.

- The Arts
- Business
- Dissertations & Theses
- History
- Literature & Language
- Social Sciences

Limit your search by subject

Advisor is used to search for dissertations completed under the supervision of a specific academic advisor. If unsure of the spelling of a name, try using truncation. (C)

School Name is used to search for dissertations granted by a specific school. Enter the school name or four-digit school code.

Manuscript Type limit is used to refer to the format of the graduate work. This includes *master's theses* and *doctoral dissertations*.

Look up Citation:

Use the Look Up Citation form to easily and quickly search for citations. The major fields of the citation are listed separately and support the use of Boolean and proximity operators.

The screenshot shows the 'Look Up Citation' search interface. At the top, there are links for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced' (with a dropdown arrow), and 'About'. Below this is the title 'Look Up Citation' and a link for 'Other search options: Advanced Search | Command Line'. A instruction says 'Fill in any of the following information to quickly locate a document.' The form contains several input fields: 'Document title:', 'Author:' (with a 'Look up Authors' link), 'Publication title:' (with a 'Look up Publications' link), 'ISSN:' (with a note 'Use of hyphens is optional'), 'ISBN:' (with a note 'Use of hyphens is optional'), 'Volume:', 'Issue:', 'Start page:', 'Date range:' (with a dropdown for 'All dates' and a 'Year' field for '(yyyy)'), 'DOI:', and 'Document ID:'. At the bottom left, there are 'Display options:' including a 'Sort results by:' dropdown (set to 'Relevance') and an 'Items per page:' dropdown (set to '20'). There is also a checkbox for 'Include duplicate documents' which is currently unchecked. At the bottom right, there are 'Search' and 'Clear form' buttons. A 'Search tips' box on the right side provides advice on using truncation and asterisks, with an example: 'physiol*' will find 'physiology' and 'physiologist'.

The fields available for searching include Document title, Author, Publication title, ISSN, ISBN, Volume, Issue, Start page, Date range, DOI, and Document ID.

Display Options:

The **Sort results by** menu controls the sort order of the records that appear in the results page. Sort by relevance, date (oldest first), or date (most recent first). Relevance is determined by an algorithm that factors in the number of times your search terms appear in the record as well where in the record your search terms appear.

Items per page is used to select how many results will display on the results page. Choose from 10, 20, 50, or 100 items. Duplicates can appear in ProQuest if the item is indexed in more than

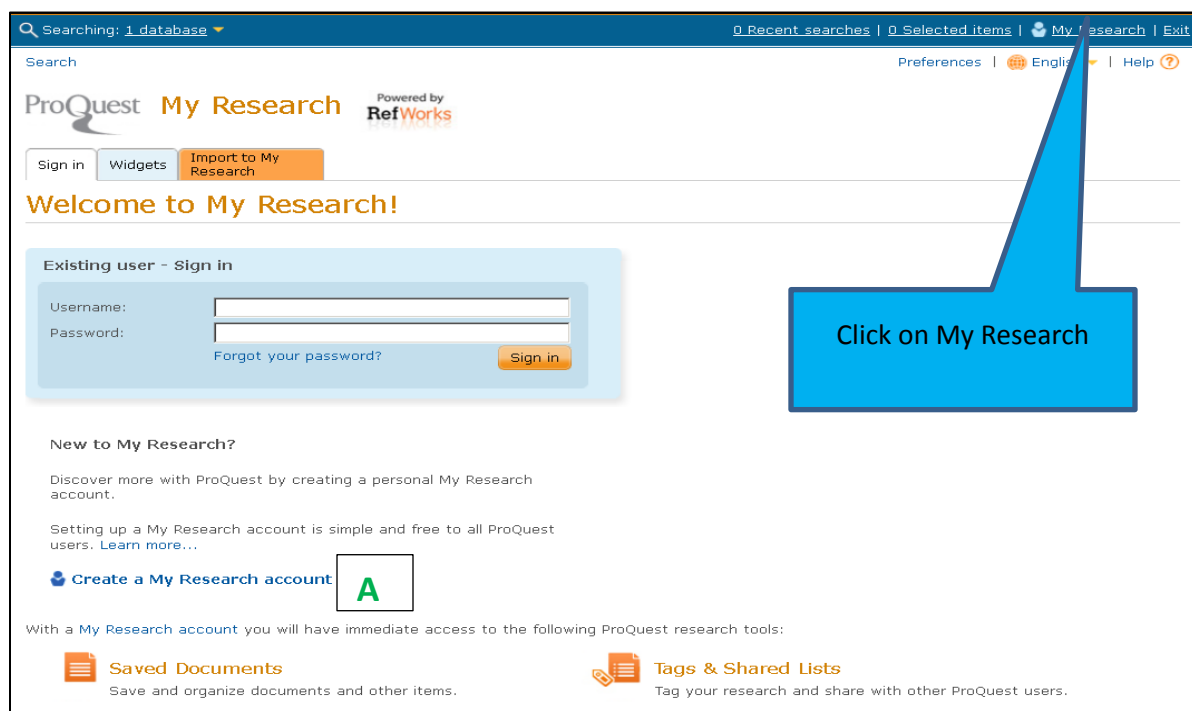
one database or collection. The default behavior is to suppress the duplicate, however, if you would like the duplicate items to appear in the results, select to include duplicate documents.

My Research:

My Research is a tool that you can use to save, manage, and organize the content and supporting materials you find and create in ProQuest. You can include documents, searches, tags, shared lists, search alerts, RSS feeds, and more in My Research.

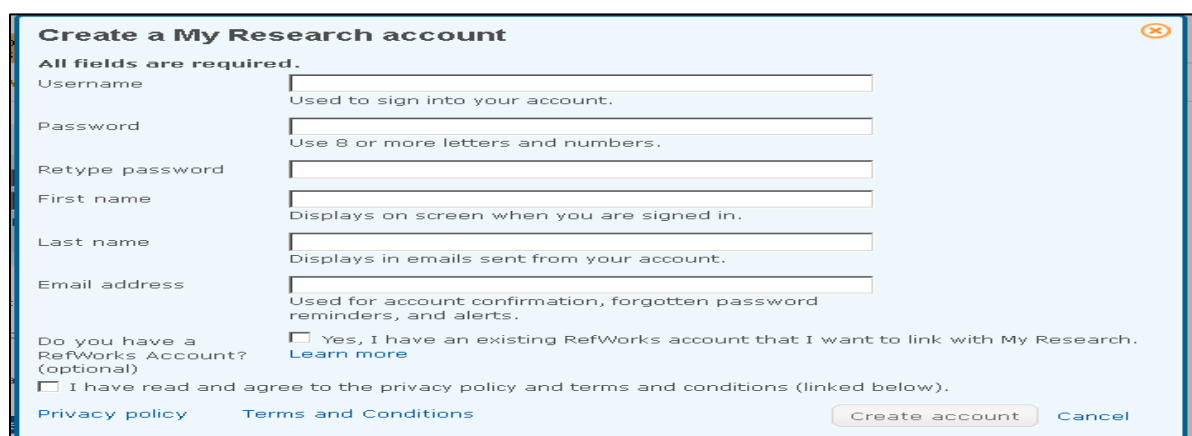
Creating an Account and Signing:

Click on My Research (located in the upper, right-hand corner of any page in the ProQuest platform) to create an account or sign into an existing account. The link to create a My Research account is to the right of the Sign in box.



The screenshot shows the ProQuest My Research homepage. At the top right, there is a navigation bar with links: "0 Recent searches", "0 Selected items", "My Research", and "Exit". Below this, the "My Research" link is highlighted with a blue callout box that says "Click on My Research". The main content area features a "Welcome to My Research!" message, a "Sign in" button, and a "Create a My Research account" link. A blue box with a white letter 'A' is placed over the "Create a My Research account" link.

(A) To create an account, just fill out the required fields: name, username, password, and email address



The screenshot shows the "Create a My Research account" form. It includes the following fields and instructions:

- Username:** Used to sign into your account.
- Password:** Use 8 or more letters and numbers.
- Retype password:**
- First name:** Displays on screen when you are signed in.
- Last name:** Displays in emails sent from your account.
- Email address:** Used for account confirmation, forgotten password reminders, and alerts.







Below the fields, there is a checkbox for "Do you have a RefWorks Account? (optional)". If checked, it says "Yes, I have an existing RefWorks account that I want to link with My Research." and provides a "Learn more" link. There is also a checkbox for "I have read and agree to the privacy policy and terms and conditions (linked below)". At the bottom, there are links for "Privacy policy" and "Terms and Conditions", and buttons for "Create account" and "Cancel".

Account Feature:

Once you open a My Research account, you will have access to the following items (located in tabs when you are signed in):

- **Documents** – Save, view, and organize ProQuest documents. If you have a RefWorks account synced with your My Research account, you will also see your RefWorks records and folders here.
- **Searches** – Save searches to provide easy future access to search strategies and results.
- **Alerts** – Manage any alerts that you create while logged in to My Research.
- **RSS feeds** – Manage any RSS feeds that you create while logged in to My Research.
- **Tags** – Manage the tags that you create and access the documents assigned to those tags.
- **Shared lists** – Create lists of ProQuest records to share your research with others.
- **Widgets** – Create and embed ProQuest search boxes in web pages and subject guides to make new access points to ProQuest.
- **Account** – Adjust your account settings and preferences to personalize your ProQuest search experience.

With a [My Research account](#) you will have immediate access to the following ProQuest research tools:

 Saved Documents Save and organize documents and other items.	 Tags & Shared Lists Tag your research and share with other ProQuest users.
 Saved Searches Save, re-run and modify your searches.	 Preferences Customize your interface and search settings.
 Alerts & RSS Feeds View and manage your search alerts and RSS feeds.	 RefWorks Connect My Research to your RefWorks account and add items with a single click.

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