

Digital Preservation

Digital Archiving and Access Program (DAAP)

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Why Partner with ProQuest Dissertations & Theses?

Digitizing dissertations and theses means reviving and preserving the legacy of research within your institution. It is a way to share knowledge and expertise with every level of researcher, from beginner to advanced, and contribute to future research initiatives. By including your works in ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global™, dissertations and theses can be studied in the context of generations of historical and ongoing scholarship.



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 **works**
since
1939

Nearly
5 million
works 

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200,000
works added
each year 

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100
countries

PRESERVE

your legacy

Digital preservation extends the life of research, ensuring insights and discoveries can have an enduring influence in the discipline.

DAAP – What is It?

ProQuest Dissertations & Theses offers a service called DAAP (Digital Archiving and Access Program). This process consists of converting print and microfilm dissertations and theses into digital PDF records that are indexed by the ProQuest editorial team. Titles are then included in the university's institutional repository as well as placed in the ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global database. MARC records and microform copies of the content are delivered to the library for future use if requested.

Benefits:

- Reclaim library space for other uses
- Reduce inter-library loan costs
- Make historical research more widely available
- Increase usage through simplified access

Preservation in Perpetuity

All works on ProQuest Dissertations & Theses are archived via ProQuest's digital preservation initiative, and contributing institutions have perpetual access to their own content on ProQuest Dissertations & Theses free-of-charge. ProQuest can also create microform copies of all theses as well as print copies for libraries and authors, should contributors find this beneficial.

Digitization Services

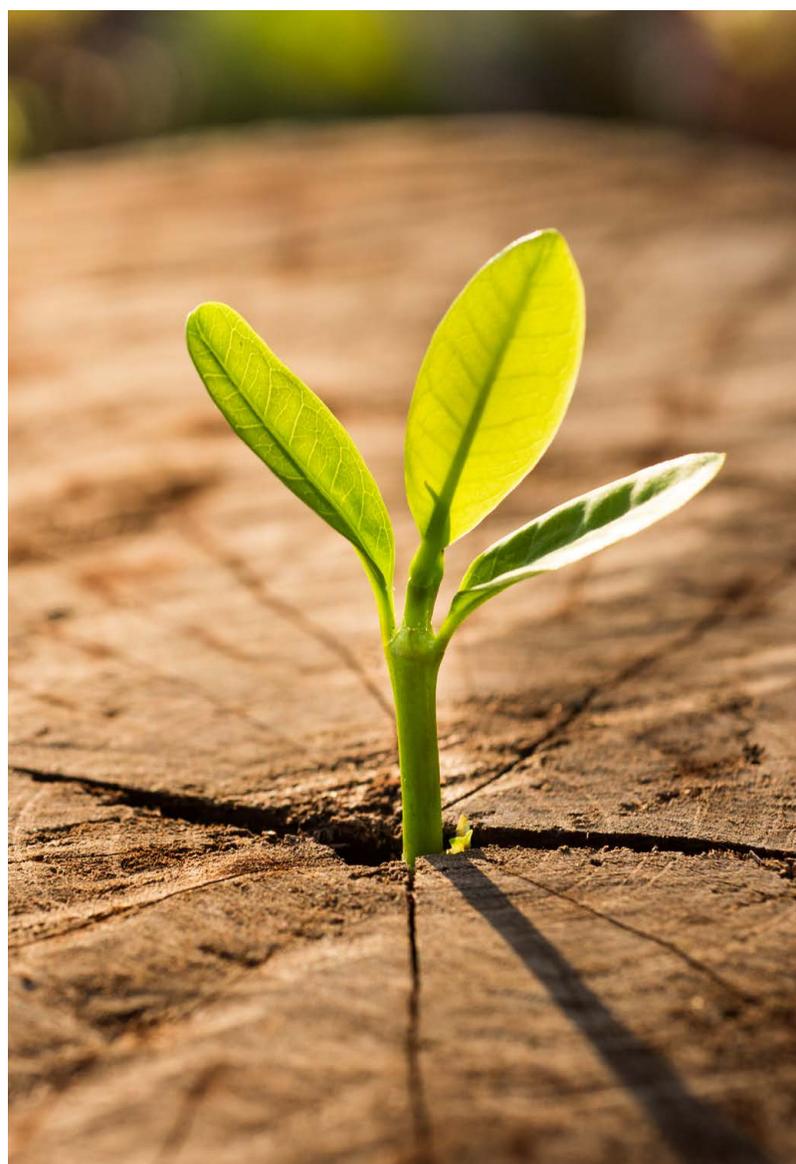
ProQuest's retrospective dissertation and thesis promotion and digitization ensures that older graduate works are equally as discoverable as new works.

Space Optimization

Digitization of print dissertations and theses can free library space which offers the flexibility to leverage this space for changing needs. The annual cost for maintaining a volume on your library shelves is estimated to be as much as \$4.26 per year, or \$149.89 over the life of each item.*

Inter-Library Loan Savings

Mailing print copies of your institution's dissertations and theses can typically amount to \$12 per returnable transaction on average.** Hosting your works digitally can greatly reduce these costs.



* Source: CLIR Publication 147, The Idea of Order: Transforming Collections for 21st Century Scholarship

** Source: Lars Neon, University of Kansas and Nancy Kress NC State, Inter-lending and Library Supply (Emerald) 2012 Issue 40 pp 81–87

AMPLIFY

your research for institutions

Making research easily discoverable to a vast community of scholars amplifies its reach, increasing visibility for the institution.

Inclusion in a Prestigious Scholarly Community

ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global is dedicated to furthering access to research globally. ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global consolidates research into a multidisciplinary resource and optimizes discovery through editorially created enhanced metadata and indexing. Contributing to ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global ensures that your institution's research outputs are discoverable by the top research institutes in the world.

Enhancing your International Reputation

ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global is used by over 4 million researchers at 3,100+ institutions around the world.

Complementing your Open Access Strategy

Enhanced metadata records are provided free of charge to improve your IR performance. ProQuest also partners with Google Scholar and 28 subject-specific indexes, further increasing discoverability of university research.

Usage Statistics that Demonstrate Impact

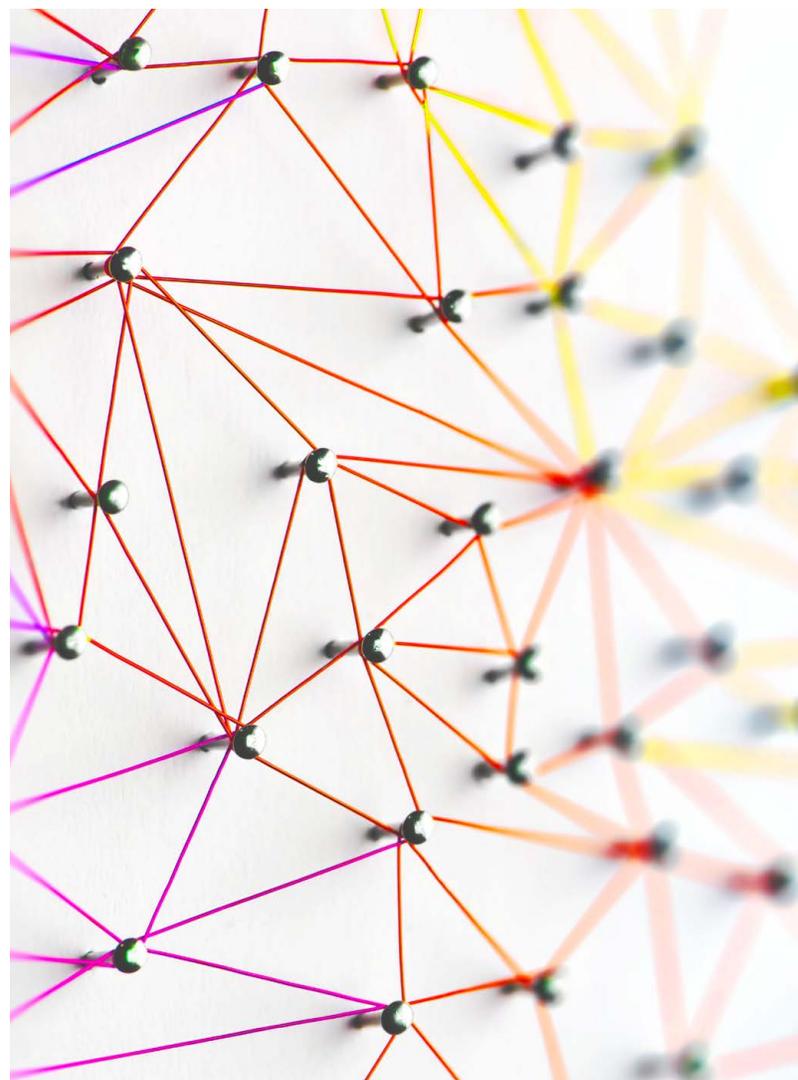
Detailed and valuable usage statistics are available to contributing universities, showing usage of their dissertations at a per-item level, as well as information on which institutions and countries accessed the works.

“Discoverability of our research and recognition for what we do is important to the institution, but it was also important for us to gain access to our own works in electronic format. Through this project, we’ve been able to achieve both these things.”

— Tony Horava

Associate University Librarian (Collections)

University of Ottawa



HOW DOES

the process work to support your library?

ProQuest is a global leader in archiving and preserving dissertations and theses in all formats. ProQuest has worked with over 280 libraries and has digitized more than 119 million pages.

Preservation

- Product is shipped to a certified ProQuest facility
- A digital file (PDF) is created
- A microform record is created
- Negatives are preserved in ProQuest's secure vaults
- Microform copies are made available to the library

Indexing

- Titles are indexed by ProQuest's expert Editorial team
- Bibliographic data is entered into ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global
- MARC records are created and delivered to the library

Discoverability

Digital records are delivered to:

- Institutional Repository
- PQDT Global
- 28 major disciplinary and subject indexes

Specialized Expertise with:

- Fragile, full-color, oversized works
- Inclusion of supplemental materials
- Large scale preservation projects



CASE STUDY

University of Surrey

At University of Surrey, the Library and the University believe one of the most important reasons for holding a digitized dissertation and thesis collection is to increase usage and so they partnered with ProQuest.

During the academic year 2014–2015, the University of Surrey decided to move to an e-only library deposit model for all new dissertations and theses. Today, all theses are digitized and self-deposited in the repository. Fiona Greig, Head of Strategy and EResources at the University of Surrey Library, says “this was a wonderful and an exciting prospect,”... to begin working with ProQuest.

Securing author permissions was a subject of some debate. Fiona Greig says, “Our final conclusion was simple. The ‘contract’ of study signed by the student states that a copy of the thesis will be deposited in the library for public consultation. We have never sought the author’s permission for access a hard-copy thesis; nor did we seek permissions when the British Library requested a thesis to be turned into a microfilm version. Our view is that policy concerns content and not the delivery mechanism. What we’re talking about is simply a format shift.” Fiona says that she thinks that digitization will constitute a major contribution to the Open Access movement.

The Results

Usage of most downloaded thesis:

“A Study of the Factors of Consumer Behavior Related to Overseas Holidays from the UK”

**Before
digitization**

80 
checkouts

**After
digitization**

21,079
downloads

RIGHTS QUESTIONS

how to address and answer

Some universities question how to address author permissions when making works available online. ProQuest has experienced many different situations with universities around the world.

What does it mean to disseminate dissertations and theses digitally?

Dissemination through ProQuest Dissertations & Theses (PQDT) Global is completely compatible with the expectation of sharing within academic culture. In the pre-internet days, dissemination meant making dissertations available on library shelves for anyone to read. Institutional repositories and databases like PQDT Global are doing this same dissemination using 21st Century technology.

How does digitization of archived works impact author rights?

ProQuest spoke with several universities who have included their full-text dissertations and theses in PQDT Global to understand how they addressed their internal policies when it came to author rights. Although each project had a unique scope, all the universities successfully enacted similar policies.

Policy Example:

- The 'contract' of study signed by the student often states that a copy of the dissertation or thesis will be deposited in the library for public consultation. Policies often concern content and not the delivery mechanism or format.
- The author retains full copyright ownership and if the author requests that their work be removed, those requests are honored.

“We are seeing genuine evidence of the increased use and impact on scholarly thinking of the theses that we have been able to make available.”

— Fiona Greig

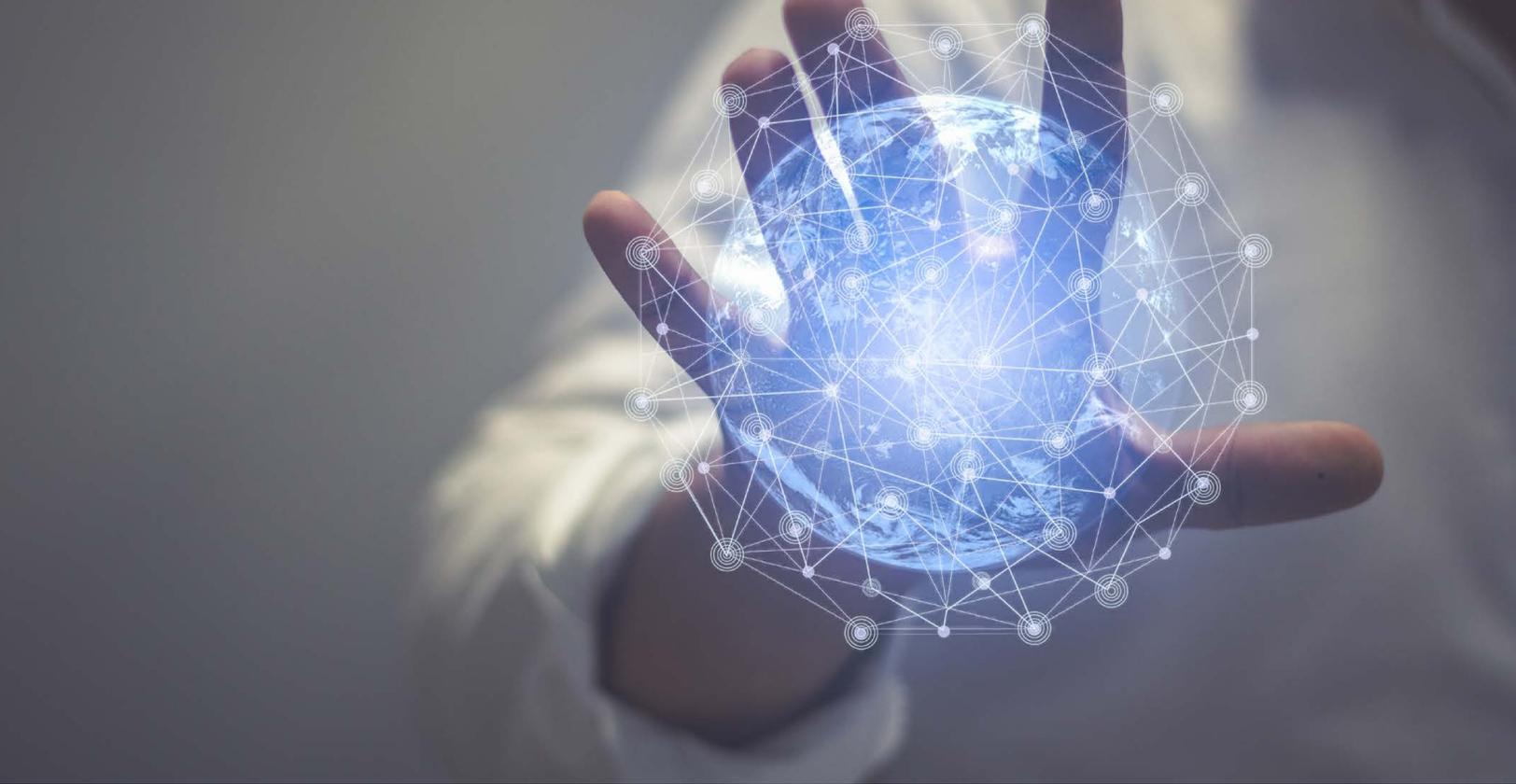
*former Head of Strategy and E-Resources
University of Surrey*

What if authors do not want to be included?

We understand that occasionally there are reasons that authors would not want their full text made available in PQDT Global. ProQuest adheres to all embargo requests submitted to ProQuest by authors or their degree granting institution no matter the length of time. In addition, ProQuest maintains a withdrawal policy that enables rapid removal of dissertations upon request. For example, if the author requests the removal of their work at anytime, ProQuest removes the full text from PQDT Global quickly, within 1-2 business days. We suggest to most institutions that they include information on their website about adding dissertations and theses to ProQuest and how emailing ProQuest at disspub@proquest.com can withdraw the work quickly.

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