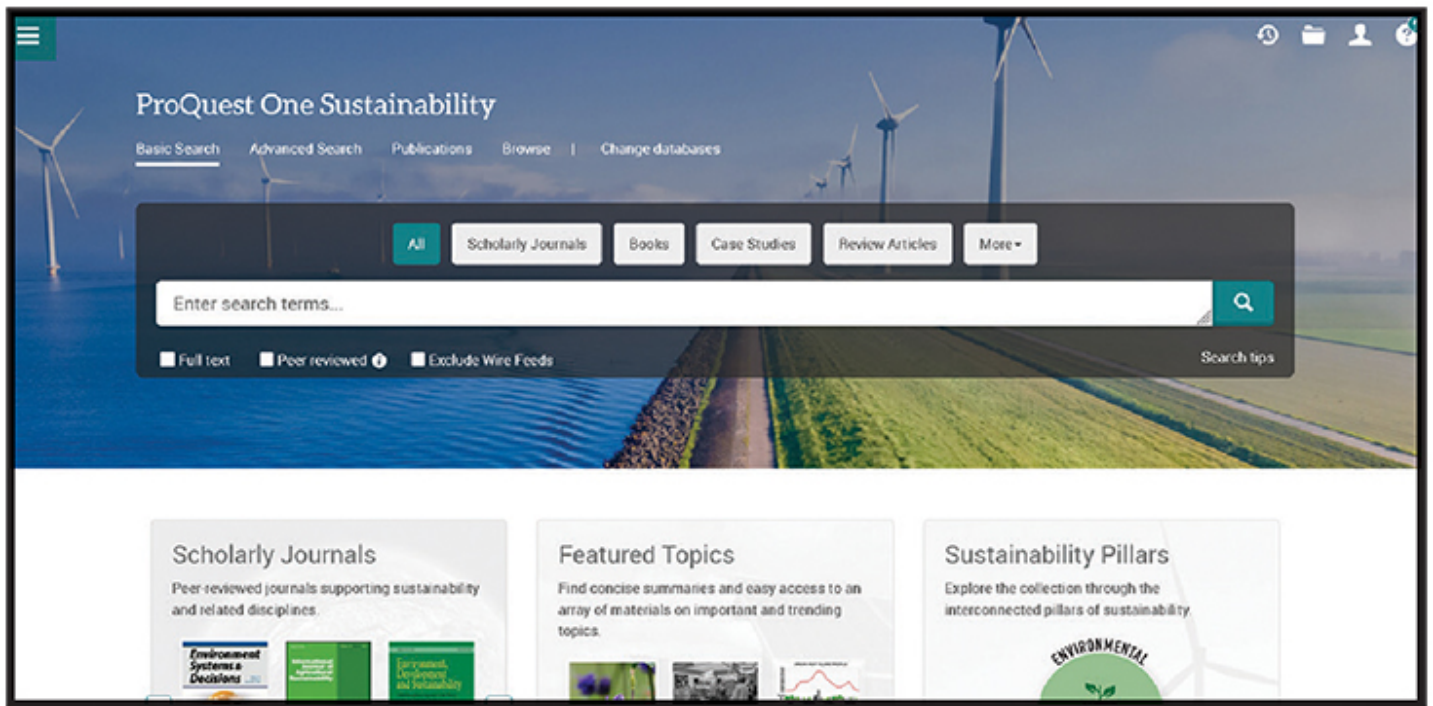


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CONTENT Organized around the pillars of economic, environmental, and social sustainability, the ProQuest One Sustainability database features 7,500 books; 1,600 full-text, peer-reviewed scholarly journals; 40,000 case studies; 41,000 dissertations, three databases (AGRICOLA, Aquatic Science & Fisheries, Meteorological & Geostrophysical Abstracts); and subject-related articles from other disciplines such as politics, business, and current affairs. The database covers approximately 500 topic areas in 23 subject areas: aquatic science, biodiversity, civil and environmental engineering, environmental health, social science, urban planning, water resources, and more.

USABILITY The homepage is attractive and welcoming, featuring colorful visualizations, various search options, and links to content and features. Just below the main heading are “Basic Search,” “Advanced Search,” “Browse,” “Publications,” and “Change Database” options, plus a large box for entering search terms. Searches can be tailored using preset facet buttons, which allow users to narrow their search by type of resource (e.g., journal, book, case study, review); the “More” button is a drop-down that offers additional types of resource (e.g., blog, podcast, conference proceedings, dissertation, government publication).

At the center of the homepage are three search portals: “Scholarly Journals,” “Featured Topics,” and “Sustainability Pillars.” Each portal features a carousel of linked titles, allowing users to dive into related information. Beneath the central search portals is a section devoted to trending topics in sustainability, with preset search buttons for subjects like renewable

energy and electric vehicles. At the bottom of the page are two additional search panels that provide ready access to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Sustainability Research Competencies. The “Help” function in the upper-right corner offers tours of the database, webinars, research tips, and more.

Users can search by any of 29 fields, as well as by date, source type, and document type, and can limit results to full-text or peer-reviewed articles. There’s a thesaurus to help users discover related and matching search terms. The ProQuest Research Assistant is an excellent tool for document analysis. Appearing to the right of each document, it offers key takeaways, findings, indexing terms, suggested resources, and related topics. There is full metadata for each article, plus many options for saving, downloading, and citing. The interface will be familiar to experienced ProQuest users and will be fairly simple for others to learn. The resource’s access points and ease of navigation are particularly valuable.

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VERDICT Ideal for anyone teaching, researching, or learning about contemporary environmental issues. ProQuest One Sustainability offers a remarkable amount of high-quality, multi-formatted content that is easy to search and access, all in a convenient package. Moreover, the ProQuest Research Assistant is exceptionally helpful for the insights and research guidance it provides.
