Discover Global Graduate Research & Make Romanian Theses Globally Visible
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Overview

- Value of PhD Theses vs Availability

- ProQuest Dissertations and Theses (PQDT)

- Dissemination of Theses via ProQuest

- Usage of Theses

- How to submit

- Summary

Value of PhD theses for researchers and graduate students

1 **Ideas for Research**
Check if your topic been researched already?
Seek niches for further research.

2 **Literature Review**
Full up-to-date literature reviews plus bibliography
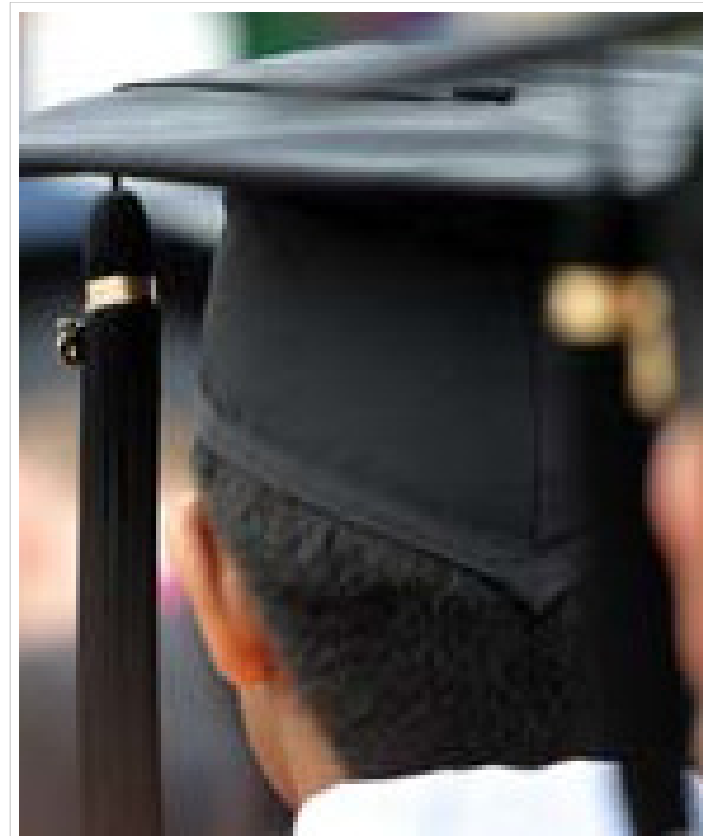on the topic

3 **Depth**
More comprehensive and detailed content as well
as research data than in journal articles.

4 **Unique Content**
Specific and exotic topics covered with very little
existing literature (e.g. in arts or history)

5 **Methodology and Form**
Examples on structure, level of detail and writing
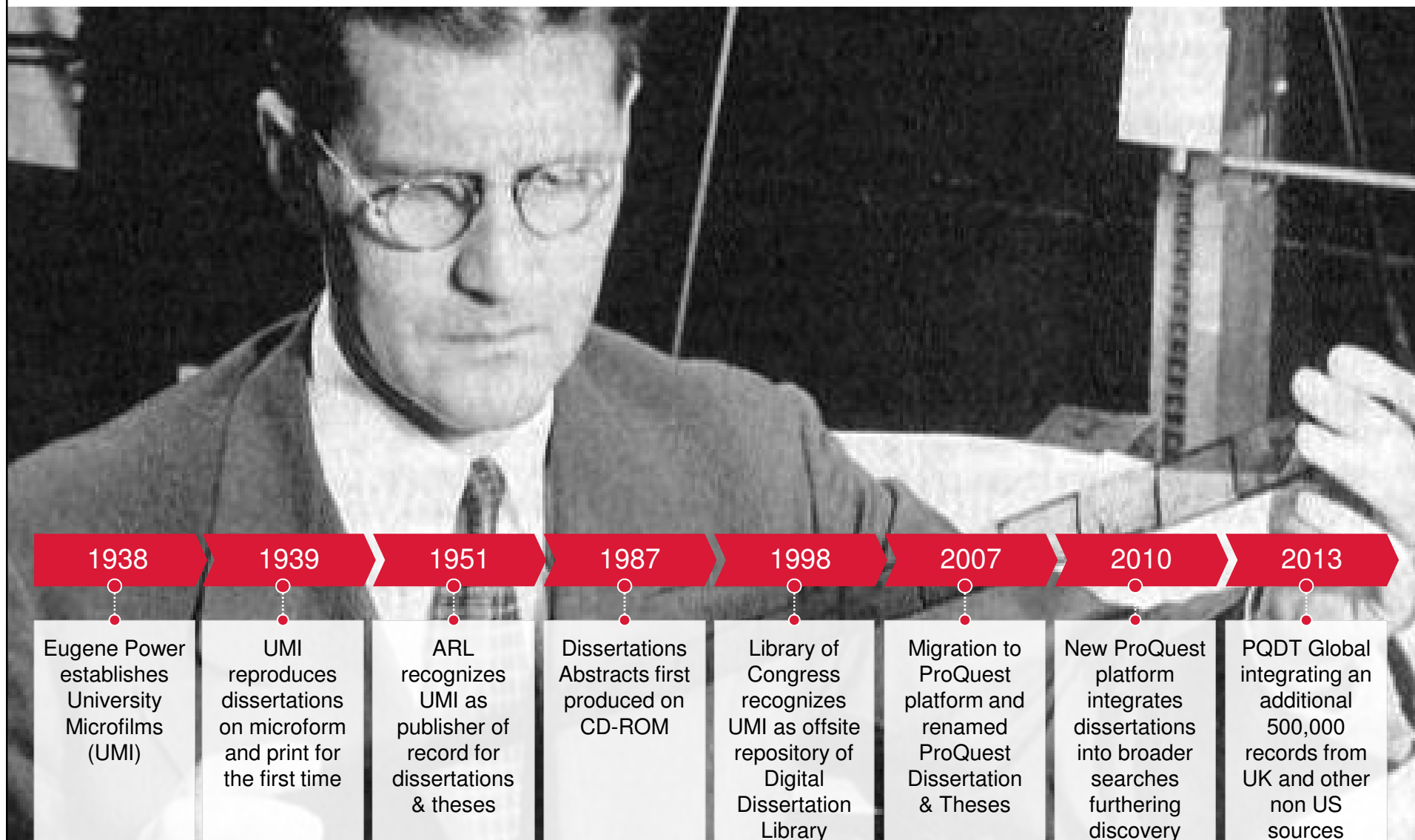style

Why theses and dissertations are not always found…

- Institutional Repository not available
- Lack of discoverability (language, metadata,…)
- Broken links or limited search functionality
- Challenge to harvest and index a vast and growing amount of OA content
- No online availability, but print only
- etc.

Dissertations and theses …

- …represent valuable content for researchers and PhD students,
- …should get higher visibility to help readers, authors and institutions

ProQuest Dissertations & Theses:
79 years of innovation

1938	1939	1951	1987	1998	2007	2010	2013
Eugene Power establishes University Microfilms (UMI)	UMI reproduces dissertations on microform and print for the first time	ARL recognizes UMI as publisher of record for dissertations & theses	Dissertations Abstracts first produced on CD-ROM	Library of Congress recognizes UMI as offsite repository of Digital Dissertation Library	Migration to ProQuest platform and renamed ProQuest Dissertation & Theses	New ProQuest platform integrates dissertations into broader searches furthering discovery	PQDT Global integrating an additional 500,000 records from UK and other non US sources

The largest collection & most reliable ETD search tool

PQDT Global: Graduate Works from 3,000 institutions worldwide

1.9M available
in PQDT Global
in full text PDF

4.0M total citations (A&I)
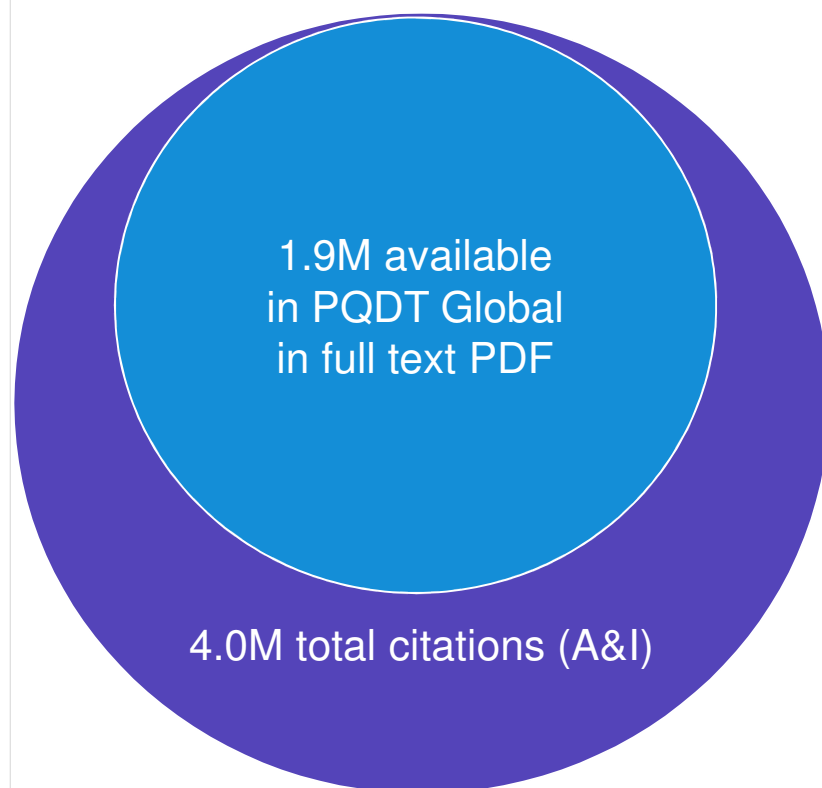
1.9 million full text graduate works

- 97% of US Dissertations

- 270,000 Canadian Dissertations & Theses,
  50,000 UK Theses

- Most works added since 1997 offer full text PDFs.

- Expanding coverage from Europe, Latin America,
  Middle East & Asia Pacific

- 110,000 added in full text per year

4 million searchable citations from 1861

- Simple bibliographic citations available for dissertations
  dating from 1637

- 500,000 from UK

- 150,000 from China

- Dissertation records from over 30 countries

ProQuest dissertations by subject area
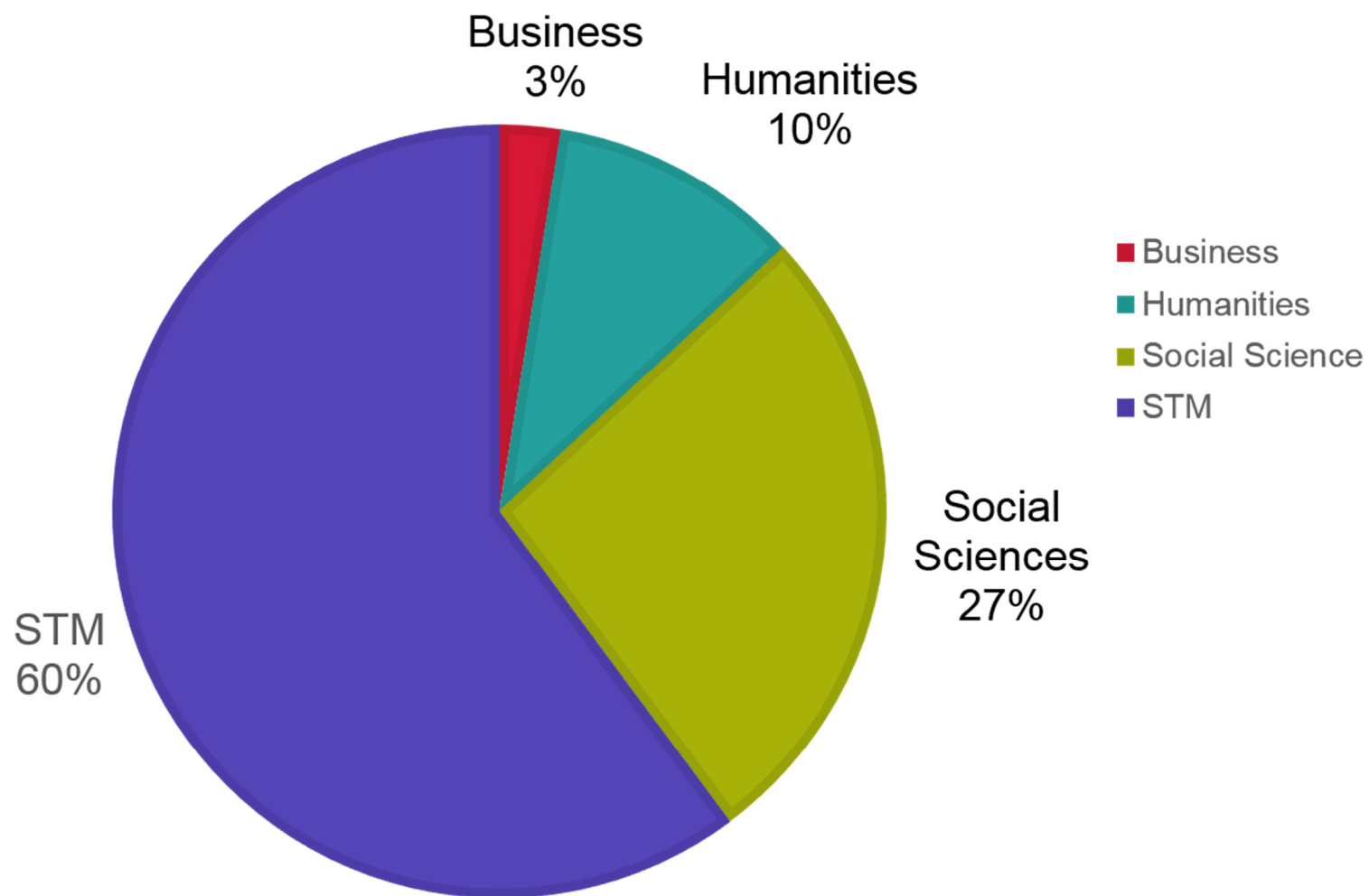
Data Curation
Human editorial creates discoverable content

Author Submission to ProQuest	Editor checks metadata	Discovery enhancements	Metadata & PDF ingested and searchable
Submission	**Quality Check**	**Enhancements**	**Ingest**
Thesis author supplies abstract and keywords	Editorial team of subject matter experts reviews metadata and quality of each submission.	Editors supplement submission with additional keywords and subject terms from ProQuest's controlled vocabulary for maximum exposure.	Dissertation/thesis is ingested into the PQDT database and is fully searchable!

Why submit theses to ProQuest:
Higher visibility and impact through subject indexes

ProQuest provides thesis citations to all major subject indexes, expanding the reach of your university's research.

►Full list of indexes
http://www.proquest.com/documents/Third-Party-Indexing-Partners-by-Subject-and-Alpha.html

Subject indexes include

Print collection:
Preservation and Enhancing Access

Digitization and Preservation

- Scanning and editing by ProQuest experts and partners
- Microfilm created for each title
- Negatives preserved in ProQuest's vaults
- Microform copies for use on campus available
- Working toward "Trusted Digital Repository Status" using OCLC / RLG Guidelines

Indexing and Discoverability

- Bibliographic data entered into PQDT products
- MARCs generated for library
- Digital copies created from the microfilm
- Availability through Institutional Repository
- Availability through Dissertations & Theses@ and PQDT
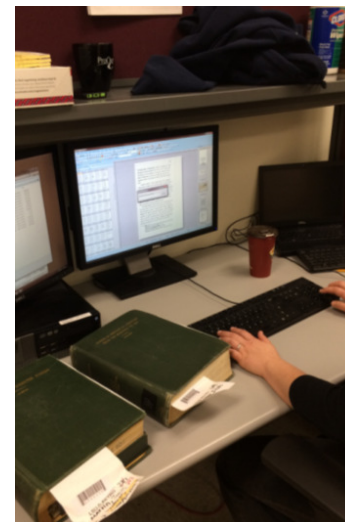
Monitoring usage with ProQuest's Dissertations dashboard

- Usage stats of your institution's material in PQDT Global

- Includes citations, abstracts, 24 page previews, PDF views, downloads

- Usage by subject

- Usage by geographical region and by institution

- For publishing partner institutions subscribing to PQDT Global

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How to submit to ProQuest

ETD Administrator www.etdadmin.com

- Free online submission and transfer of ETDs

  1. Authors register,
     complete publication details,
     confirm publishing agreement
     and upload PDF

  2. Institutional administrator
     reviews and approves

  3. PDF is submitted to
     ProQuest for dissemination

  4. Alternatively:
     Uploads by librarians after submission

- Used by 600 institutions

- Request free institutional account:

- http://www.etdadmin.com/cgi-bin/main/sitesetup
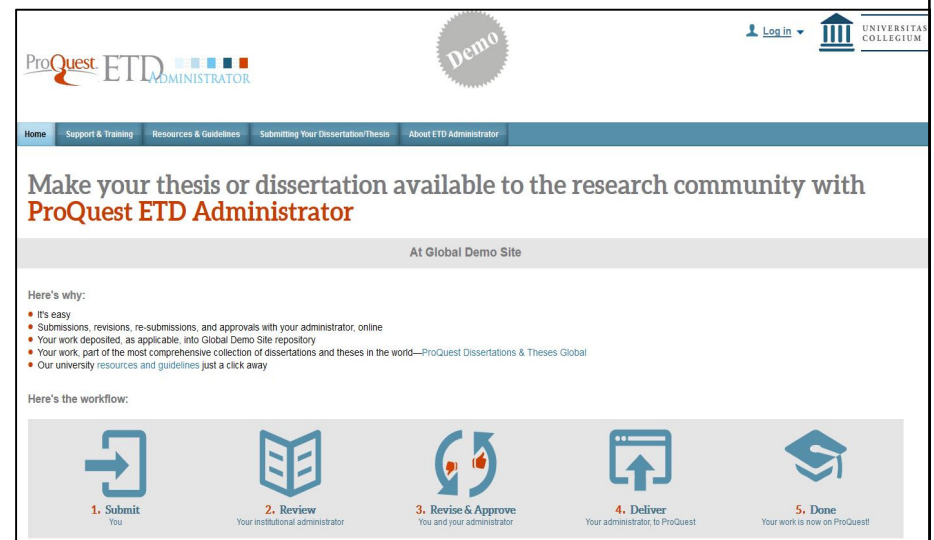
ETD Administrator – Title Details

ETD Administrator – Upload Full text PDF

Dissertations and research data

ProQuest can publish dissertations and supplements in all formats including:

- Audio
- Video
- Datasets
- Operating systems
- …and more!

Dissertations & theses with Supplement Files
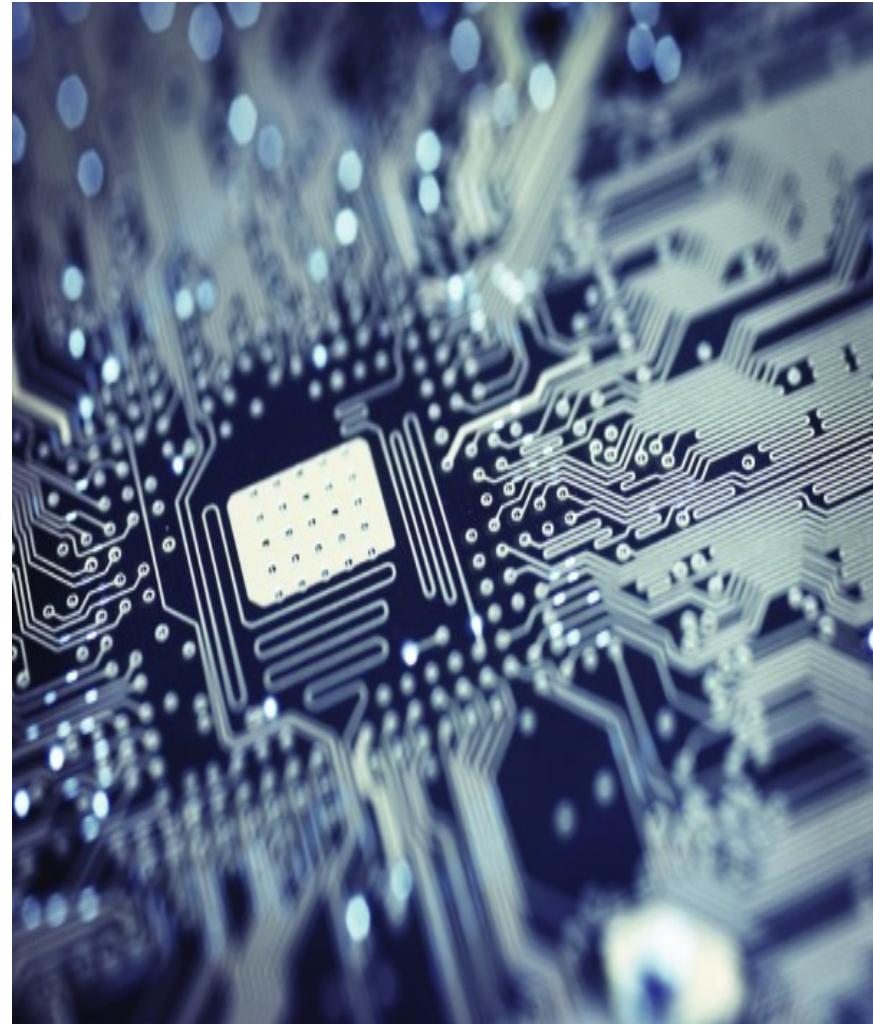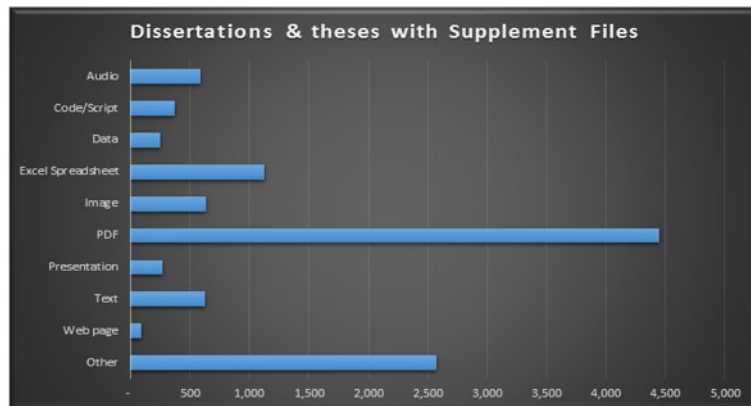
Coming soon in PQDT:
Pilot integration of presentation videos (3MT)

- **Increasing number of university competition events (3MT, MT180)**
  - Improving students communication and research skills
  - Engaging non-academic audience

- **Pilot to include open video content in PQDT**
  - One stop shop
  - Enhanced with transcripts
  - Integration with theses
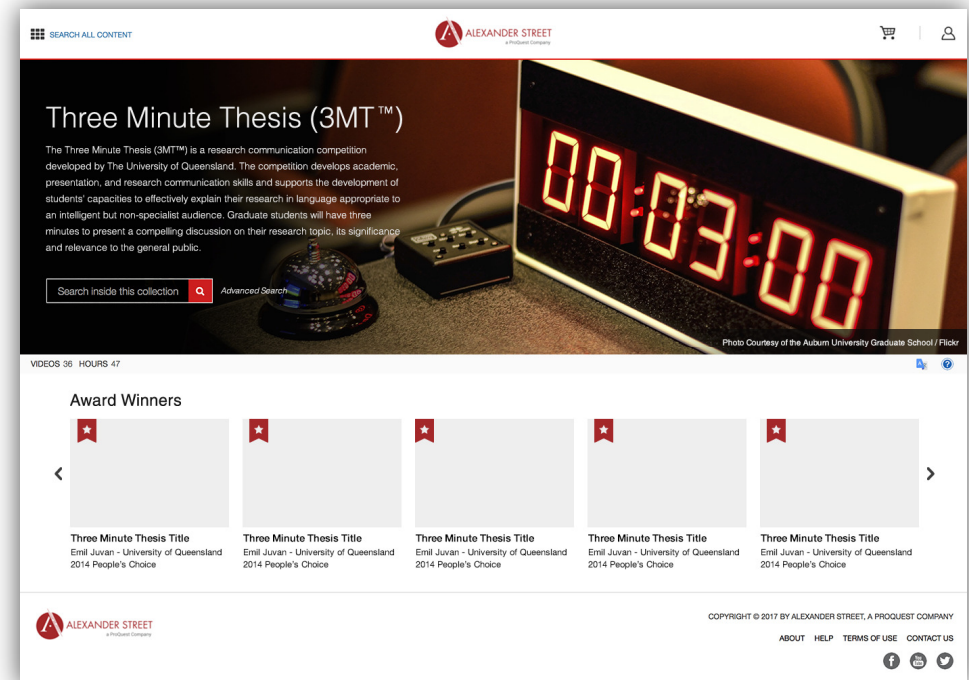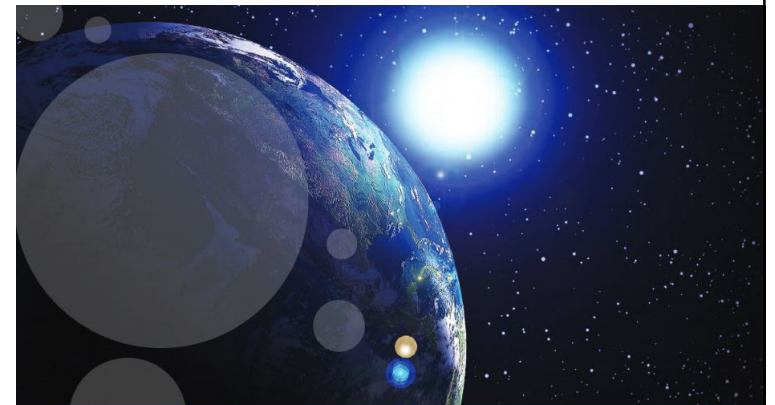
Why Publish with ProQuest?

- Over 3,000 universities and organizations submit to ProQuest
- Publishing with ProQuest maximizes discoverability of your university's research
  - PQDT Global used by 3,000 institutions with 200 million searches per year
  - Metadata discoverable in major subject indexes

- ProQuest is a non-exclusive publisher
- Authors / universities retain copyright
- Authors / universities receive 10 % of Copy Sales revenue

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Any questions?

Thank You!

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