

# ProQuest

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## *ProQuest contains:*

- scholarly and general interest information across disciplines including arts, business, computing, education, engineering, law, medicine, science and technology
- publications that can be searched across a set of ProQuest databases simultaneously, or by selecting individual databases that use the same ProQuest interface. The information in each database varies, depending on subject area.

## *Use ProQuest to find:*

- references and documents of business information from 1971 to the present
- references of North American dissertations and theses from 1861 onwards
- health care references and documents from 1987 to the present, with coverage from leading health journals, and essential titles in key medical specialties
- references and documents from academic and popular science journals covering all major branches of science from 1986 to the present.

## *Tips:*

- Use \* to find multiple forms of a word, eg scien\* finds science, sciences, scientific.
- Use “quotation marks” when searching for exact phrases of three or more words, or for exact publication titles, eg “Nature”.
- Limit your search to scholarly journals, including peer reviewed, for quality academic documents.
- Click **Suggested topics** in the Results page, or the **Topics** tab to find other documents related to the terms you use.
- Click **More Search Options** at the bottom of the search screen or use subject terms from the Thesaurus located in **Browse topics** for a more advanced search.
- Click the **My Research** tab to manage your results.
- Click **Search Tips** or **Help** (top right of each screen) for more detailed help.

## *Look for similar information in:*

- Science Direct – for sciences, technology and medicine
- Business Source Premier – covers nearly every aspect of business
- Expanded Academic ASAP – interdisciplinary database covering general and social sciences, humanities and current events
- Individual ProQuest databases including ABI/INFORM Global, ProQuest Dissertations & Theses, ProQuest Health & Medical Complete, ProQuest Science Journals, ProQuest Social Science Journals.

*ProQuest looks like this:*

The screenshot shows the ProQuest website interface. At the top left is the ProQuest logo. To the right are links for 'Logout', 'Monash Email Help', and 'Help'. Below the logo is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Basic', 'Advanced', 'Topics', 'Publications', and 'My Research' (which shows '0 marked items'). On the far right of this bar is a language dropdown menu set to 'English'. Below the navigation bar, it says 'Databases selected: Multiple databases...'. The main section is titled 'Advanced Search' and includes a 'Tools' menu with 'Search Tips' and 'Browse Topics'. The search area contains three rows of search criteria, each with a text input field, a dropdown menu for 'Citation and abstract', and a dropdown menu for 'AND'. Below these rows are 'Add a row' and 'Remove a row' links, and 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. Further down, there are dropdown menus for 'Database' (set to 'Multiple databases...') and 'Date range' (set to 'All dates'). There are also checkboxes for 'Limit results to: Full text documents only' (unchecked) and 'Scholarly journals, including peer-reviewed' (checked), with an 'About' link next to the second checkbox. At the bottom left of the search area is a 'More Search Options' link.

*More help from the Library:*

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