**How do I Search for Dissertations and Theses?**

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Audio: First I’ll describe how to go about searching for dissertations and theses written at any institution. Then, I’ll describe how to locate dissertations written by UW students.

[Image of ProQuest Dissertations database, scrolling over full text links]

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[Image of UW Libraries homepage]

Audio: To access this database, start at the UW Libraries homepage and click on Reference Tools, then Dissertations and Theses, and then click on the [Dissertation Abstracts/Proquest Dissertations Fulltext](http://proquest.umi.com/login?COPT=REJTPTNiMGYmSU5UPTAmVkVSPTI=&clientId=2302) link.

[Image of [Dissertations & Theses Guide page](http://www.lib.washington.edu/research/the.html)]

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[Image of database, typing keywords “salmon and oregon” while audio narration continues]

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[Image of list of search results, highlighting a citation that has no pdf full-text link]

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[Image of basic keyword search screen in UW-Libraries catalog]

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Audio: To search for dissertations and theses by topic, use the keywords search and combine the phrase "theses and" followed by a topical keyword(s). [Click on Keyword link on the right] For instance, theses and salmon habitat.

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