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How to use ProQuest Central?

~the way to utilize and search thesis and document information~

When you start thinking about writing the thesis or making certain decision in your research, it is important to know how you approach and search for the documents that is related to your research. There are so many search engines and websites you can access, but here is one of the options, ProQuest Central.

There are three main advantages when you use this website. The first important reason is because it is easy to access from the University of Tsukuba library webpage. The Library website is linked to many different websites and students are allowed to access on the documents or pdf files by simply clicking on the links. From the list of database which is located on the far left of the website, ProQuest can be found. If you cannot find from your research area, click on the *description* list and scroll down to find the link. Although the ProQuest Central website contains more than 2800 journal entries, the platform is very simple and easy to use. It is guaranteed to find convenience in your search.

The second reason is its abundance in access to many different languages and translation. ProQuest have recently added two new language styles and made total of 19 accessible languages you can find. You can search the documents related to your topic with many approaches. Here is the picture when you first access to the ProQuest website from Tulips (cap.1).

Let us take a look at the list table under the search bar. Currently, the website has 9 groups of documents which will cover most of the materials you need(cap.2). When you click on one of the pictures, the link will show you detailed database solution to you. When we click on the *Science and Technology* picture, there are ten different reference database under ProQuest. Once you enter more option and detailed topic, the website will lead you to the source.

Third main character of this website is the *My Search tab*. If you find the documents that interests you, you can book mark it on that website to access much easier. The ProQuest is also linked with the RefWorks, which if you make an account from Tulips; you can manage the documents easier than ever.

If you have any further question about the ProQuest search, Central Library of the University of Tsukuba is offering a seminar you can join with free of charge. Also, the Reference Librarian and the Learning Adviser can give you some instructions as well. Please feel free to ask any questions. We will provide support and solution that you need for thesis and document citation.



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