

### What is ProQuest 5000?

- ProQuest 5000 is a multidisciplinary database making it an excellent source of information for a wide range research projects. ProQuest 5000 offers access to numerous ProQuest databases all in one easy search. These databases provide access to millions of articles, through nearly 9,400 publications, of which more than half provide full text articles.

### Where is ProQuest 5000 available?

- You can access ProQuest 5000 anywhere you have Internet access. Go to VPL's ELibrary [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info) and click on "Find." From the list of results select "All Databases." Choose ProQuest 5000 from the alphabetical list of databases.
- After clicking on ProQuest 5000, you will be prompted to enter your fourteen digit library card number. Type in the entire number under the barcode with no spaces. You will also be prompted to enter your four digit PIN. If you have forgotten your PIN, please visit your local Vaughan Public Libraries location.

### How do I search ProQuest 5000?

- **Basic Search**

- To choose search terms:**

- Choose search terms that closely relate to your topic. The more words you include, the more specific your search results will be. If you are not finding enough results try broadening your search by using less specific terms or try using synonyms of your search terms.

- To choose a specific database:**

- You can either search all the ProQuest 5000 databases or if you want to narrow your search you can choose a specific database to search, e.g., if you are looking for business materials you may want to select one or several business databases. To select several databases click on the "select multiple databases" button.

- To select a specific date range:**

- If you want articles from a specific date range, you can limit your search by date. For example, you can choose to search for new articles by limiting your search to articles published in the last seven days or if you want articles written during a specific period you can choose a specific date range.

- To retrieve full text articles:**

- If you want only to retrieve items that have full text access, limit the results by clicking the box next to full text. If you do not, you may get results that only have the citation or the abstract, and do not include access to the article.

### **To search for scholarly journals:**

If you want to search only scholarly journals, which are written by academics for an academic audience, limit the search to scholarly journals by clicking the box next to scholarly journals.

### **For help using the database:**

There is a button that says “search tips” to the top right of the search box. This button has many helpful tips for using this database.

- **Advanced search**

- For a more advanced search use the pull down menu to combine elements including which fields you want to search for your keywords. Some examples of the specific fields are as follows: in the abstract only, in the citation and the full text, in the author field. You could combine this with elements such as document language or publication title.
- In the advanced search you also have the same options for choosing the date range and full text that are available in the basic search.

### **What do I do with my results?**

- **To read an article** click on the title of the article.
- **To print an article** click on the print button to the top left of the article.
- **To email an article** click on the email button to the top left of the article.
- **To add results to your list** check the box beside a result. At the top of the screen there is a tab that says “My Research.” When you click on this tab you are taken to the list you have created. You can print this list or email it to yourself. You can even format it into a bibliography, choosing the style that is required, e.g., MLA.
- There are tabs directly above your results. You can select one of these tabs to see, for example, just the articles from magazines or from newspapers.
- There is a box above your list of results called “suggested topics.” You can use one of these suggested topics, based on your search terms, to narrow your search. When you select one of these alternate topics, by clicking on the words, you will be given the option to further narrow your search.

**Need Help?** During library hours call the information line at 905-653-READ (7323).