

Beyond books & articles

Finding Theses

Finding dissertations & theses

Finding Oxford theses and dissertations

Finding theses and dissertations from other institutions

Why theses?

Relevance of up-to-date research

Springboard to scope existing literature

Inspiration of 'the finished product'

Discovery of ideas outside a topic's consensus

Evolution of an author's ideas over time

Finding theses in Oxford

Print

- Search via SOLO for theses from 1920s onwards
- Ask the awarding Oxford department
- Ask your subject librarian

Digital

Oxford Research Archive
ora.ox.ac.uk (via SOLO)

Higher degree students registered since October 2007 must deposit a digital copy.

Finding theses on SOLO

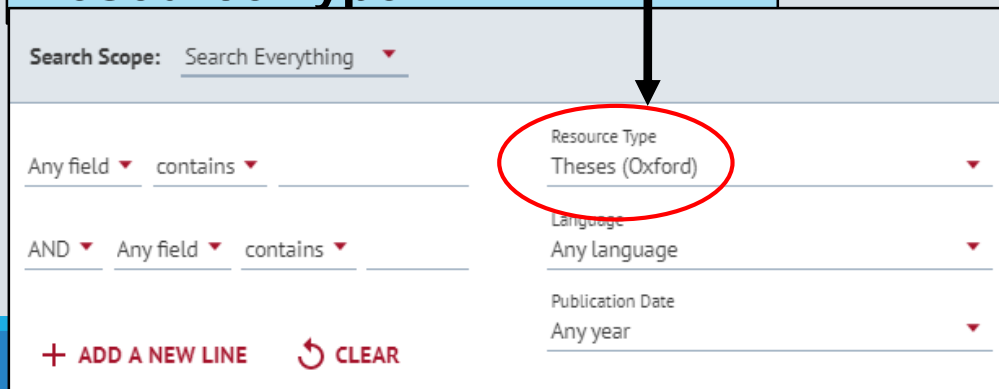
To find a specific thesis:

- Use author surname/keywords from title

To browse theses supervised by a specific academic:

- Use supervisor's name as search term

Use Advanced Search and select “Theses (Oxford)” as Resource Type



The screenshot shows the SOLO search interface. At the top, there is a 'Search Scope' dropdown set to 'Search Everything'. Below this, there are three search criteria rows. The first row has 'Any field' and 'contains' dropdowns, followed by a text input field. The 'Resource Type' dropdown menu is open, showing 'Theses (Oxford)' selected and circled in red. Below this, there are 'Language' and 'Publication Date' dropdowns. At the bottom, there are '+ ADD A NEW LINE' and 'CLEAR' buttons.

To browse theses by department:

- Use department name as search term
- Beware of name changes!

To search by thesis type:

- Use “D.Phil.” or “M.Phil.” as search terms
- Typing Dphil or Mphil brings back fewer results

Finding theses from other institutions

On Databases A-Z Type →dissertations

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57 Databases found for dissertations

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[Use of Oxford e-resources](#)

ProQuest Dissertations & Theses

Global (including UK and Irish content)

Millions of dissertations & theses indexed

Over 2.1 million theses with full text availability (mainly US)

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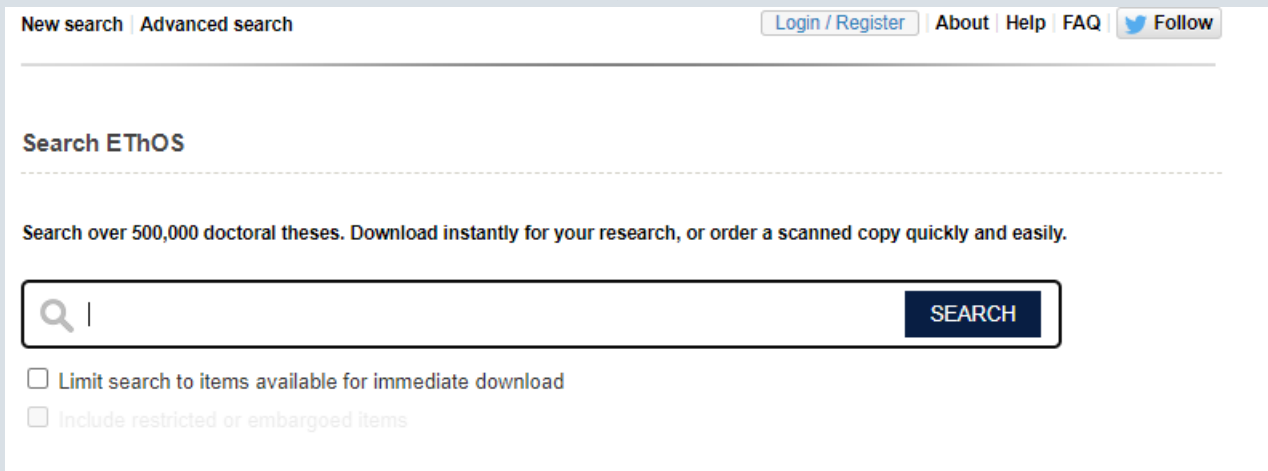
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eThOS

- UK theses via the British Library
- Many available for free download
(account must be created)
- Some theses unavailable or require digitisation
- Basic search features only (not special characters such as * etc)



The screenshot shows the eThOS search interface. At the top, there are links for 'New search', 'Advanced search', 'Login / Register', 'About', 'Help', 'FAQ', and 'Follow'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Search EThOS' and a dashed line underneath. A message states 'Search over 500,000 doctoral theses. Download instantly for your research, or order a scanned copy quickly and easily.' The search bar contains a magnifying glass icon and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the search bar are two checkboxes: 'Limit search to items available for immediate download' and 'Include restricted or embargoed items'.

OpenDOAR

-Browse OpenDOAR for a specific awarding institution

abroad. <https://v2.sherpa.ac.uk/opensoar/>

-Use the **advanced search** menu to filter your results

The screenshot shows the OpenDOAR website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the text "OpenDOAR". Below the header is a navigation bar with several tabs: "About", "Directory", "Statistics", "Tools and support", "Our Work", and "Contact". The "Directory" tab is currently selected. Below the navigation bar, the main content area has a white background. It starts with the heading "Welcome to OpenDOAR". Below this heading is a paragraph of text: "OpenDOAR is the quality-assured, global Directory of Open Access Repositories. You can search and browse through thousands of registered repositories based on a range of features, such as location, software or type of material held. Try it out for yourself:". Below the text is a search form. It consists of a text input field labeled "Repository Name", a "Search" button, a "Browse by Country" button, and an "Advanced Search" button. The "Advanced Search" button is circled in blue.

Other options for finding full text theses

Inter-library loan (check with the awarding institution)

Visit the awarding university – contact the library first!

Contact the author

Handouts:

- Hidden Treasures: Key Links for Finding Theses and Dissertations
- Theses search exercises (SOLO, ProQuest, EThOS)

Available at:

<https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/workshops/handouts>