

## ■ How to find Theses / Dissertations

### Focusing on doctoral theses

#### 1 . Thesis is:

A printed document presented for a graduate degree granted by a University. There are three kinds of theses: Bachelor, Master and Doctoral. Here, we will focus on how to find doctoral theses.

#### 2 . Search Tips:

The following 4 points are important.

[Where] Country? University? ... University which conferred the degree

[Who] Who wrote it? ... Author

[What] Contents? Keywords? ... Title

[When] When was it accepted? ... Year granted.

#### 3 . Searching for theses presented by Kyoto University

Bachelor theses	Faculty libraries may hold theses, however the policy of use varies from library to library. Please note that on the various laboratories' websites, a list of titles or full-text files may be available.
Master theses	
Doctoral theses	Main library holds one of the three copies. Faculty libraries may sometimes hold another of the three.

**Search** [Kyoto University Doctoral Theses Database](http://edb.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/gakui2/index.html) <http://edb.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/gakui2/index.html>

It is possible to search theses by title or author from the period of the old education system to the current system.

**Search** [Kyoto University Research Information Repository KURENAI](http://repository.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/dspace/) <http://repository.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/dspace/>

Some Doctoral and Master theses are available freely.

**Use** **In the main library:**

Doctoral theses are treated as special materials. When viewing doctoral theses, please make a reservation at the office on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. It is necessary to get written permission from the author to make copies. This permission, which may be presented in any format, must include the author's signature and seal.

**Use** **At each of the faculty libraries:**

Some theses are treated as general materials. Please contact each faculty library for details.

#### 4 . Searching for theses presented by other universities in Japan.

Bachelor theses	It is necessary to ask each university, considering there are no separate institutes which collect Bachelor and Master theses. Search theses by author or title in the university website. University websites may include abstracts or full-text files.
Master theses	
Doctoral theses	One copy is held in the university which conferred the degree, while another is held in the National Diet Library. The Kansai Branch of the National Diet Library holds theses from 1923 forward.

**Search** [Doctoral Dissertation Bibliographic Database](http://dbr.nii.ac.jp/) <http://dbr.nii.ac.jp/>

It is possible to search Japanese doctoral theses. (Coverage varies depending on the university.)

**Search** [National Diet Library NDL-OPAC](http://opac.ndl.go.jp/) <http://opac.ndl.go.jp/>

It is possible to search theses accepted from 1966 forward which are held by the Kansai Branch.

**Search** [JAIRO \(Japanese Institutional Repositories Online\)](http://jairo.nii.ac.jp/) <http://jairo.nii.ac.jp/>

It is possible to make an inclusive search of all institutional repositories held in Japanese universities.

**Search** [大日本博士録 \(Dai Nihon Hakushiroku\)](#) (Main Library 1F/Reference/Biographies FD|41|夕)

It is possible to search theses accepted between 1888 and around 1929.

**Use** **Visiting other universities...**

Please confirm the conditions of use in advance when visiting the holding libraries directly.

Please request a letter of introduction from each faculty library.

**Use** **Requesting photocopies...**

It is possible to request photocopies from other universities or the National Diet Library (for a charge).

It is necessary to get the author's permission when copying the entire work.

5 . Searching for theses presented by foreign universities.

**U.S.A and Canada etc.**

Search **ProQuest Dissertations & Theses (PQDT)** [KUINS only] <http://proquest.umi.com/login>

It is possible to search doctoral theses and master theses presented by universities mainly in North America. Coverage is from 1861 forward. Bibliographic citations are available for theses dating from 1861. Some theses include abstracts and full-texts.

□ Search Screen Example

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Input words or phrases. (Japanese is not available.) <b>A</b> Please refer to “Search Tips” for details. <b>B</b></li> <li>It is possible to limit your search using other search options. <b>C</b> ex. : Author, School, Subject, Document language</li> <li>Click <b>Search</b> <b>D</b></li> <li>Click the thesis title to view more information. <b>E</b></li> <li>Abstracts are available. <b>F</b> Abstracts are available from: Doctoral theses : 1980 forward Master theses : 1988 forward</li> <li>24 page previews are available <b>G</b> It is possible to view 24 page previews of some theses presented from 1997 forward.</li> <li>The order options screen <b>H</b> It is possible to select the reproduction media: the cost varies depending on the media. (ex. PDF format, unbound paper copy, microform, etc.)</li> </ol>
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**United Kingdom**

Search **British Library Integrated Catalogue** <http://catalogue.bl.uk/>  
**ETHOS (Electronic Theses Online Service)** <http://ethos.bl.uk/>

It is possible to search theses (1970 forward) in United Kingdom. Some theses are available through EThOS. Please refer to <http://ethos.bl.uk/> for details.

**France**

Search **Sudoc (Système Universitaire de Documentation)** <http://www.sudoc.abes.fr/>

Union catalog of universities in France. It is possible to search theses using advanced search.

Search **ANRT (Atelier National de Reproduction des Thèses)** <http://www.anrtheses.com/fr/>

It is possible to search and order theses in France.

**Foreign theses held by libraries in Japan**

Search **National Diet Library NDL-OPAC** <http://opac.ndl.go.jp/>

It is possible to search foreign theses held by the National Diet Library, which holds mainly these about science and technology.

Use Requesting photocopies...

It is possible to request photocopies from other universities or the National Diet Library (for a charge). When searching foreign theses not held by libraries in Japan. It may be possible to request photocopies or loan service. Please ask us for details.

Please feel free to consult librarians at the Reference section in the Main library. [ref@kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:ref@kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp)