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Sometimes theses reveal results that are not yet published in peer-reviewed literature”

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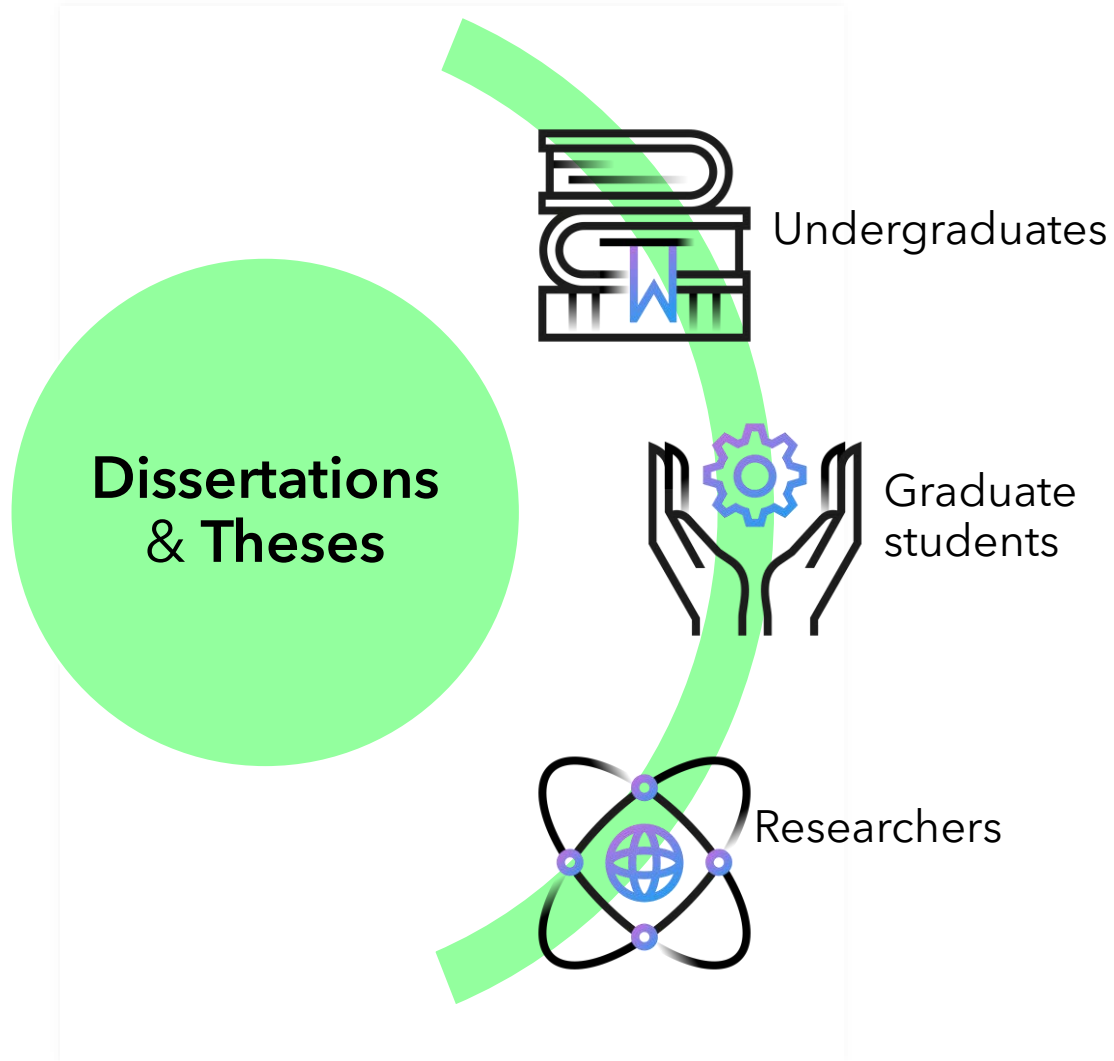
Look to dissertations for more details than can be found in journal articles, especially experimental details.”

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They are often a good resource for detailed materials and methods, and also unpublished results that may nevertheless be interesting and trigger further investigations.”

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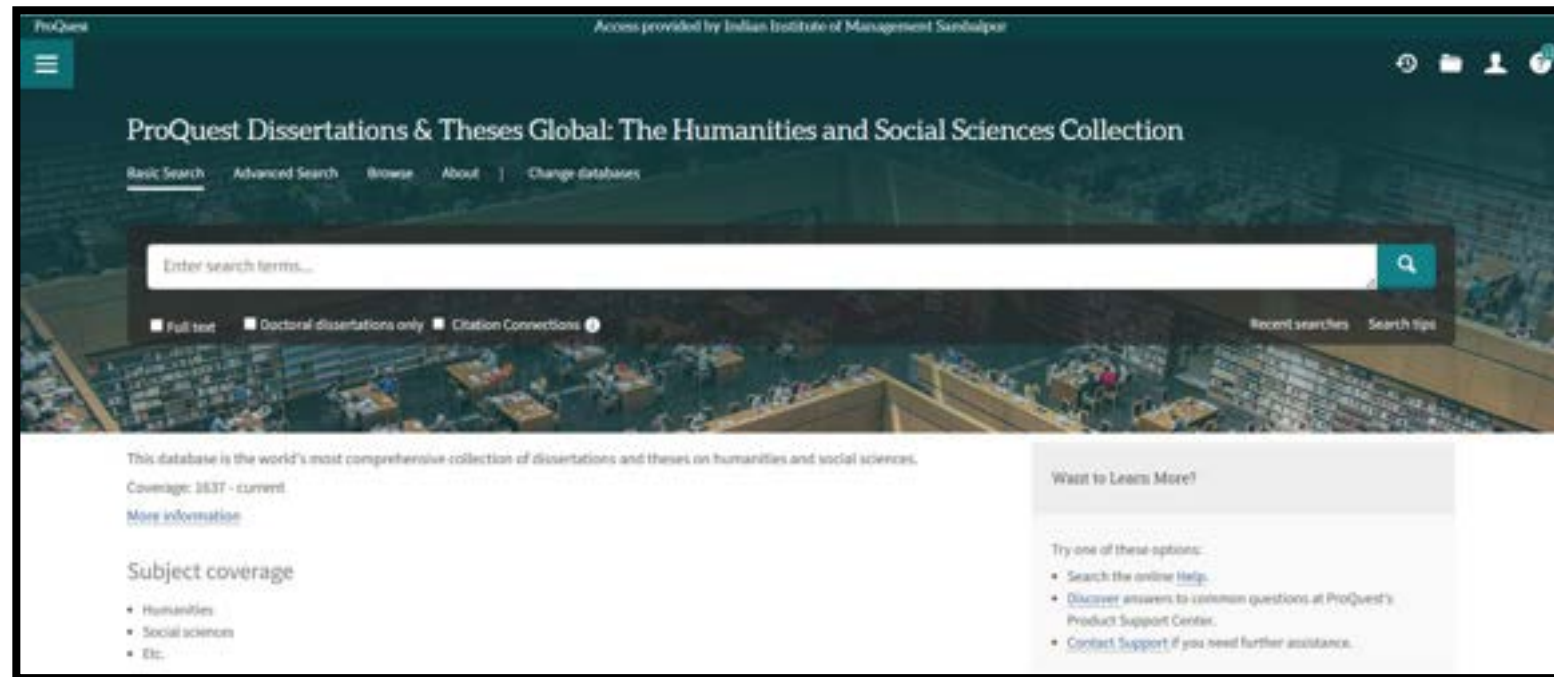
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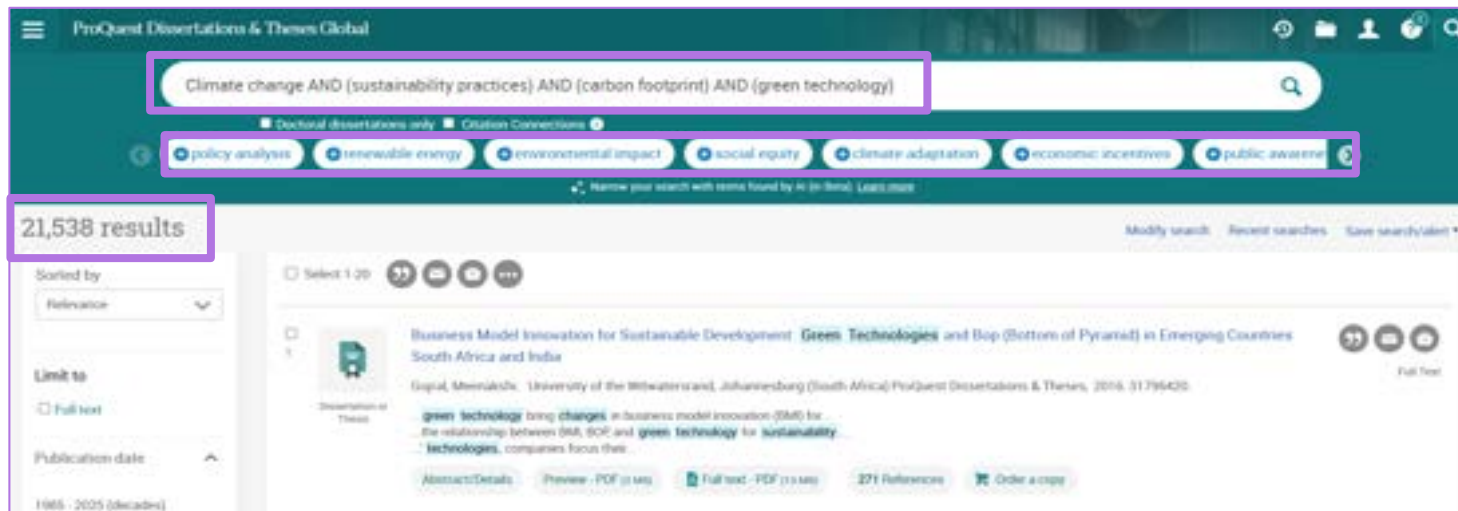
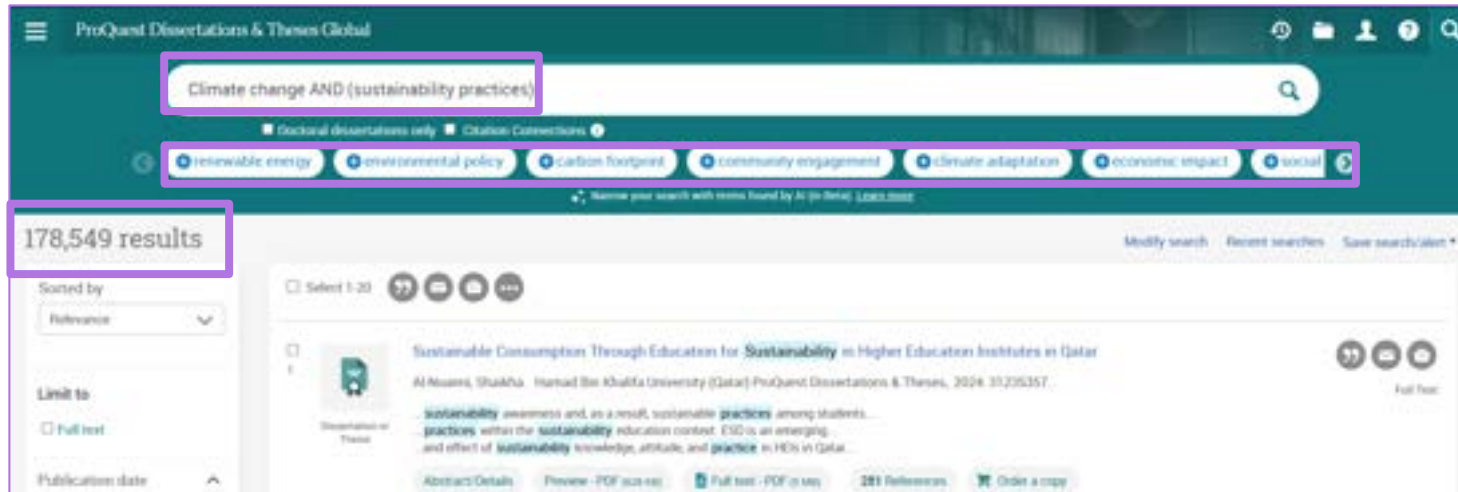




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Individualized therapy for cystic fibrosis using artificial intelligence

Tang, Yirun. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ProQuest Dissertations & Theses. 2010. 3418620.

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81 References

26 Documents with shared references

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INDIVIDUALIZED THERAPY FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Yirun Tang

of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy

of Public Health.

Chapel Hill

2010

Research Assistant RTR

Here is the **key takeaway** of the document.

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased academic stress among college students, leading to a high level of depression. The article also discusses the role of coping style, sleep quality, and interpersonal relationships, including social isolation, in influencing depression. This relates to your search as it provides insight into the impact of the pandemic on mental health, with a focus on the role of social isolation.

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Here is the **foundational research** on these topics.

An experimental design for the development of adaptive treatment strategies.

Murphy, S.S. *Statistica in Medicine* Vol. 24, Iss. 15, (May 30, 2005): 1455-1460.

125 Times cited

Optimal dynamic treatment regimes

Murphy, S.S. *JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY SERIES B: STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY* WILEY-BLACKWELL Vol. 65 (2003): 231-...

97 Times cited

Here are **research topics** based on this document.

1. Individualized therapy for cystic fibrosis: This topic is crucial as it addresses the need for tailored treatment regimens that adapt to the unique progression of cystic fibrosis in each patient.

2. Reinforcement learning in healthcare: Exploring reinforcement learning in healthcare is significant as it offers innovative methods for optimizing treatment strategies based on real-time patient data.

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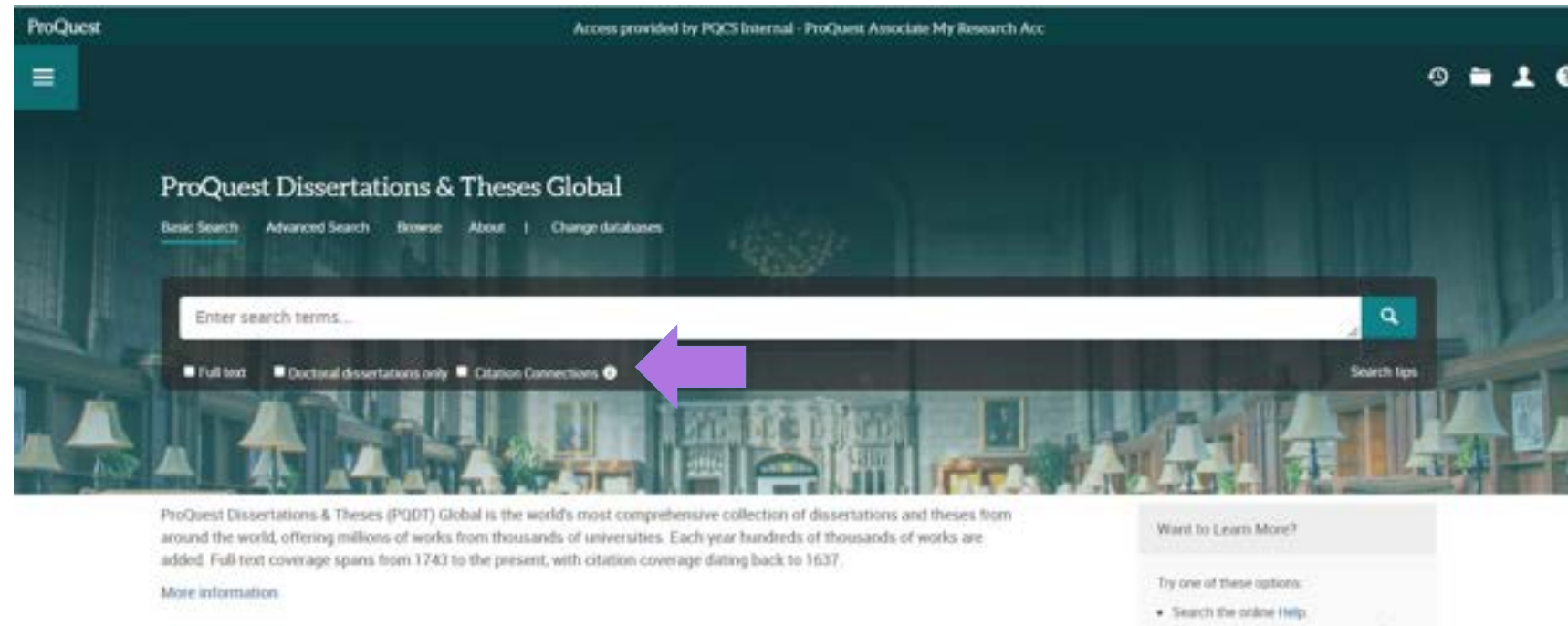
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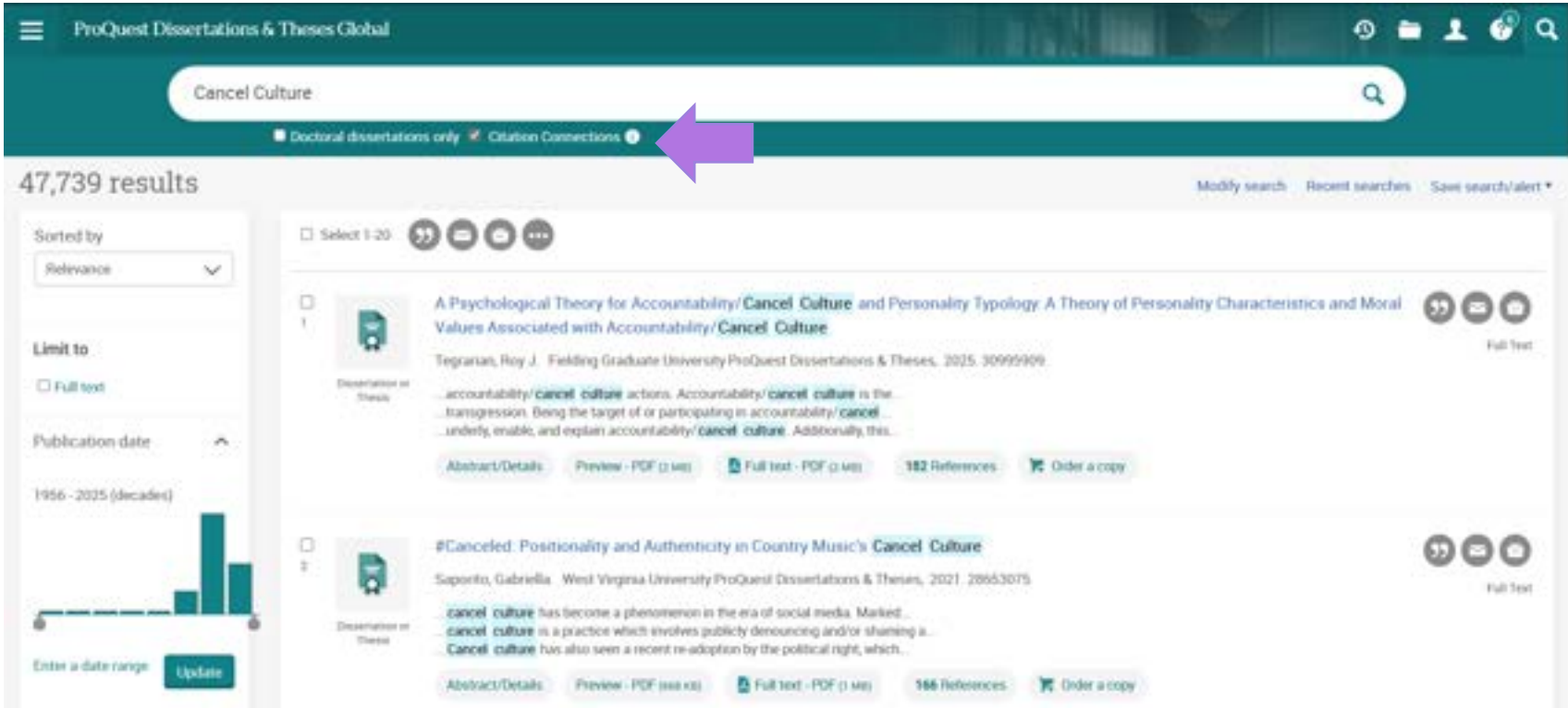
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