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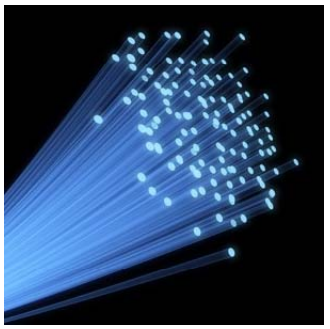

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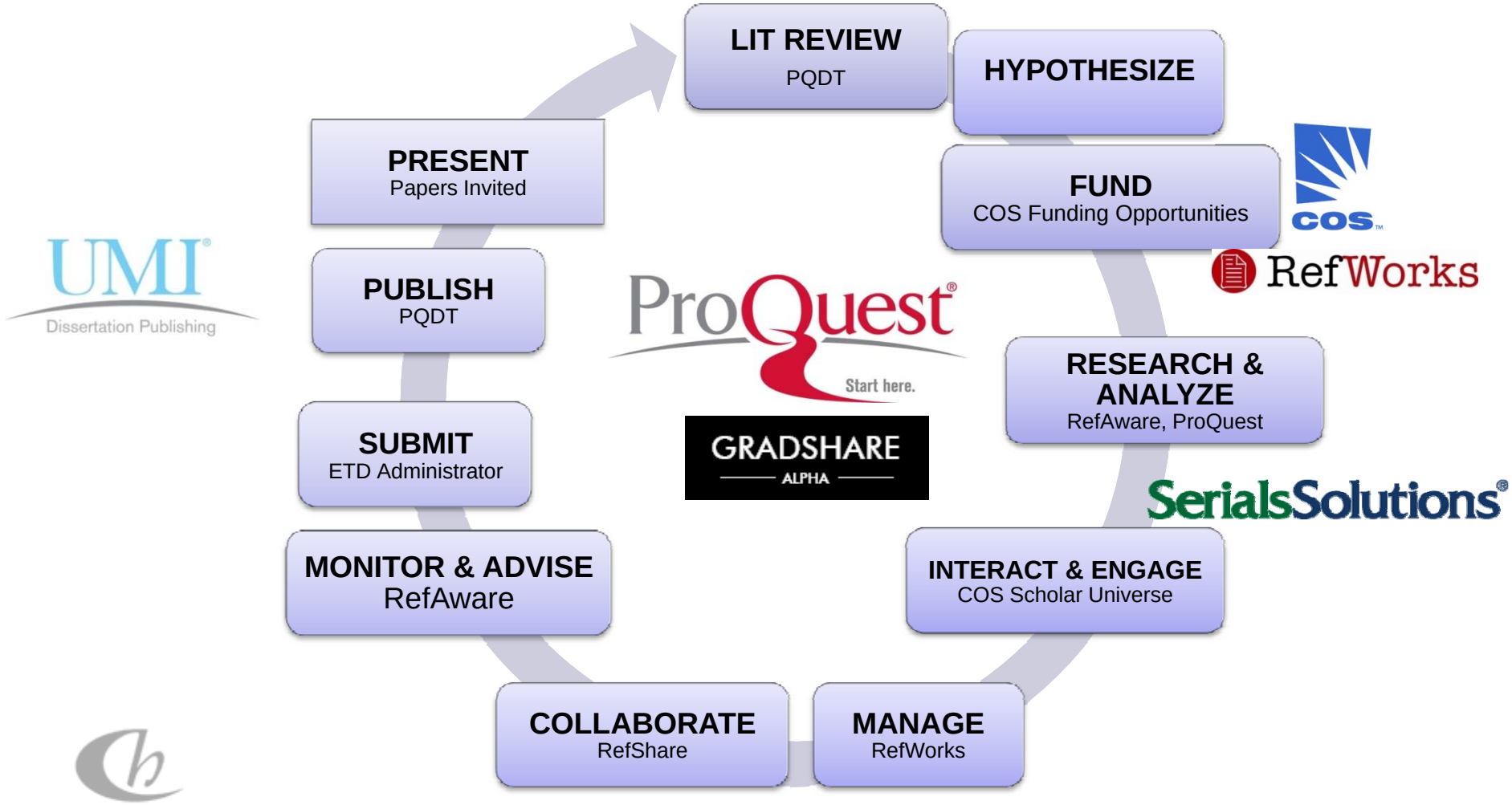

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History and Tradition

- *Established in **1938** to preserve threatened scholarly resources on microfilm by Philip Powers, a University of Michigan Business School alumn*
- *Became the **Repository for the National Collection** in the 1950's, by consensus of the Association of Research Libraries*
- *Was designated **The Library of Congress** official repository for dissertations produced in the U.S. in the 1990's*

Dissertation Publishing

- Publishes dissertations and master's theses **1861 to the present**.
- Provide **world-wide access** to:
  - Over 2.5 million citations
  - Full Text
    - More than 2.0 million titles in UMI microform.
    - Over 1.1 million titles in digital format
- Publish over **70,000** new titles each year.
- Over **700** institutions around the world are partners in the program.

The Value of Publishing Graduate Works

- **Legitimacy**
- **Recognition**
- **Exposure**
- **Dissemination**
- **Preservation**

LEGITIMACY & RECOGNITION

- A published dissertation/thesis provides the new scholar with a **legitimate, citable c.v. entry**—often their first—at a critical juncture in their career.

- The UMI® collection of dissertations and theses provides an **external, running record** of an institution's **graduate/scholarly productivity**.

- Confers legitimacy on an institution's programs and graduate's works by publishing the title with a **world-recognized organization**.

Exposure & Dissemination

- For **70 years** millions of researchers have looked at PQDT to find the latest graduate research.
- Citations, abstracts, and 24-page previews appear in the PQDT database, accessed by more than **3,000 libraries around the world**.
- Field or subject specific outlets – **3rd Party Index** …For example ChemAbstracts, PsycINFO, ERIC, ABI Inform, etc…
- **Global Access** - ProQuest publishes the world's most widely used PhD and master's theses research tools
- Maximizes the dissertation / thesis's **discoverability**.

Additional Benefits

- **Graduate School Selection**: Students use PQDT to determine where to pursue graduate studies

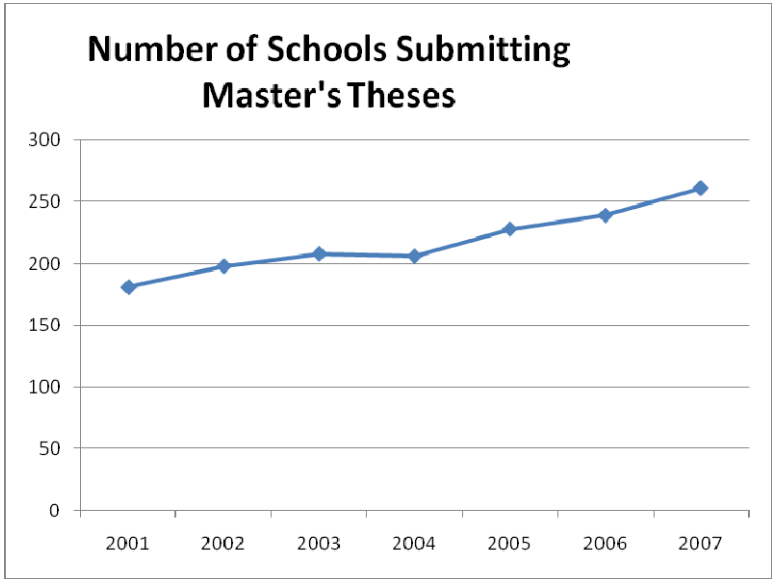
- **Recruitment Tool**: Companies and Universities use PQDT to recruit students and faculty.

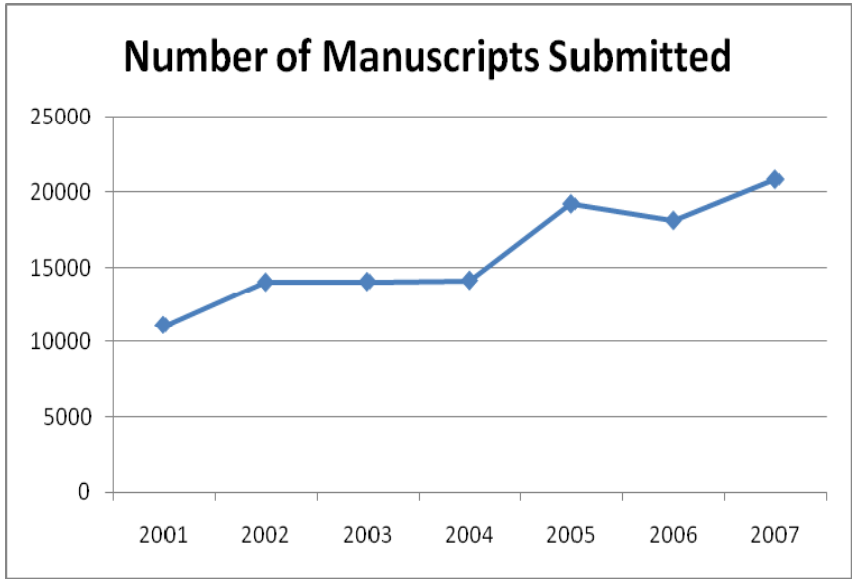
Publishing Trends

- Institutions are increasing the amount of graduate works sent to ProQuest / UMI
  - 2002: Published 55,000 Graduate works
  - 2008: Published 70,000 Graduate works
- Institutions are increasingly sending Master's Degrees to ProQuest

Master's Theses Submission Trends

In the past seven years, the number of schools submitting Master's Theses has risen and continues to grow





ProQuest and Libraries

- ProQuest partners with libraries to maximize dissemination of Graduate Research
  - Universities = Institutional Repositories
  - ProQuest = UMI Dissertation Publishing and PQDT

Publishing with ProQuest is not only compatible with IR deposit, but it is the strategy to reach the widest possible audience!

Preservation

- Digital Preservation
  - Working toward "**Trusted Digital Repository**" designation (OCLC/RLG) and OAIS model.
  - In 2008, PQDT audited by the Center for Research Libraries (**CRL**) National Science Foundation grant to study long-lived datasets. Full report by CRL released with many favorable comments for PQDT:

    http://www.crl.edu/content.asp?l1=13&l2=58&l3=174

Preservation

- UMI maintains and preserves its dissertation and theses collection on microfilm and microfiche.
  - Tests have shown that microform is archivally secure for **1,000 years**.
  - UMI microform stored in separate **temperature and humidity controlled vaults**.
  - On-demand duplication and **distribution in paper and microform from a print master**.

Preservation

- **Designated by Library of Congress as offsite repository for Dissertations in 1999**
  - LOC does not collect dissertations, rather relies on UMI / ProQuest Collection.
  - ProQuest to turn over complete file to LOC if PQDT becomes unavailable. Provides “safety net” for libraries concerned about stewardship.
  - Full information here:

    http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/1999/99-007.html

Services for Libraries

- Publishing Services:
  - Institution's titles made accessible to the researchers around the world through the ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Database (PQDT) and related databases, used by 3,000 of the world's leading libraries **(Non-Exclusive Agreement)**
  - **Royalty Program**
- Bibliographic Control:
  - **Free MARC records** created by ProQuest (USMARC format)
- Material review:
  - ProQuest conducts a **cursory review of the appendix** of theses and works with author to remove / clear material under another copyright

Services for Libraries

- Assignment of an **ISBN**
- **Search descriptors** assigned by editorial subject specialists
- Hardbound **“milestone editions”** for order

Milestone Edition

Enhancements include:

- 32 lb. weight paper
- Photographic quality stock
- Color Graphics
- Peerless quality reproduction
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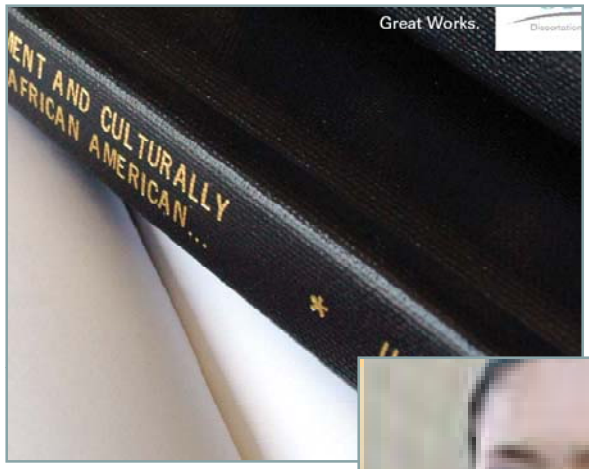

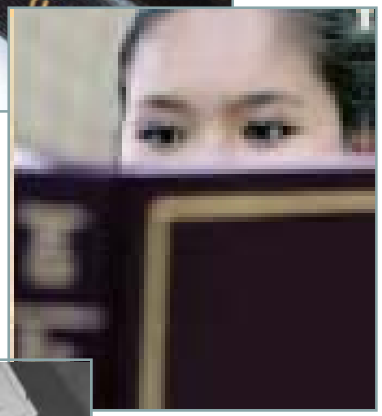

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New in 2009 for PQDT

- **Full Text Searching**

  ProQuest extracts and makes searchable the full text from all dissertations and theses 2008-forward. Only PQDT provides a full text search across this large corpus of dissertations and thesis text

- **Reference Linking**

  ProQuest extracts all bibliographic references for easy access and provides “cited by” statistics to facilitate research exploration

- **Supplementary and Multimedia Content**

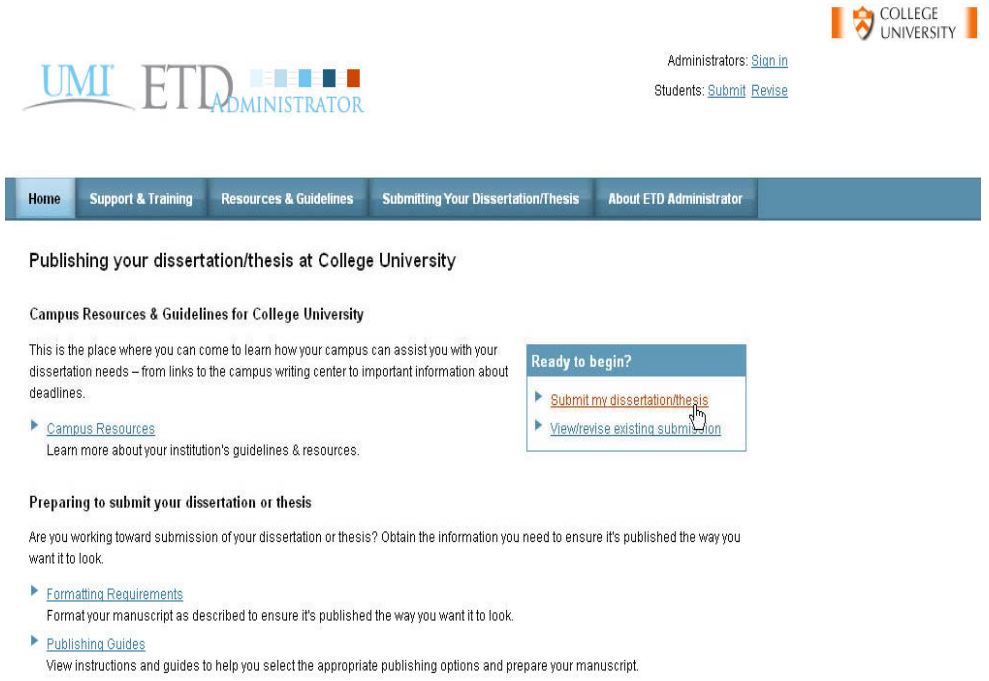
  Begun in 2008, PQDT provides access to all supplementary files, including multimedia, datasets and all other content provided by the author / graduate school

ETD Administrator II

- Dissertation **submission management and workflow** tool
- **Student online payment by credit card**
- Nearly **200** partners use this system
- Free to Universities!

Coming in 2009-2010:

- **Online IR Agreement Form (Institutions customize a separate agreement form for their IR)**
- **Multilingual interface**
- **Multiple report generation**



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A Seven-Step Process

[*Upload Multimedia, Copyright Filing, and Order Copies are all optional steps]

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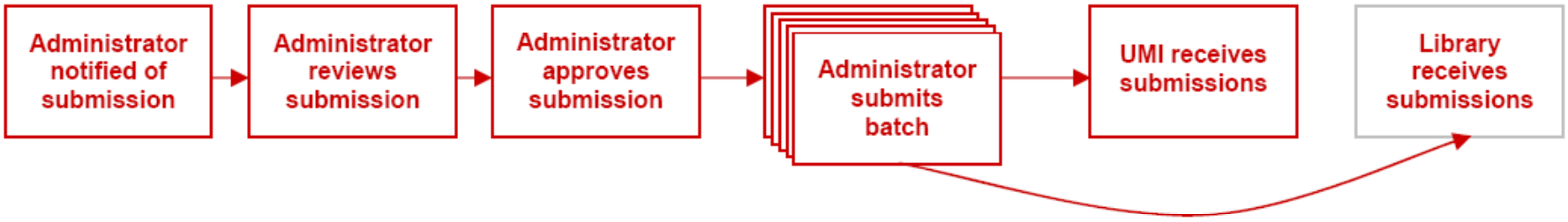
The Administrator Role

Every ETD Administrator site will have one primary administrator, and depending on the size and needs of your school, you can have additional administrators as well. The administrator is alerted when new submissions are completed, and must review each submission before they are sent to UMI. They can be sent individually or in batches. The administrator can also have the prepublication version of each submission dropped of at a university FTP site.



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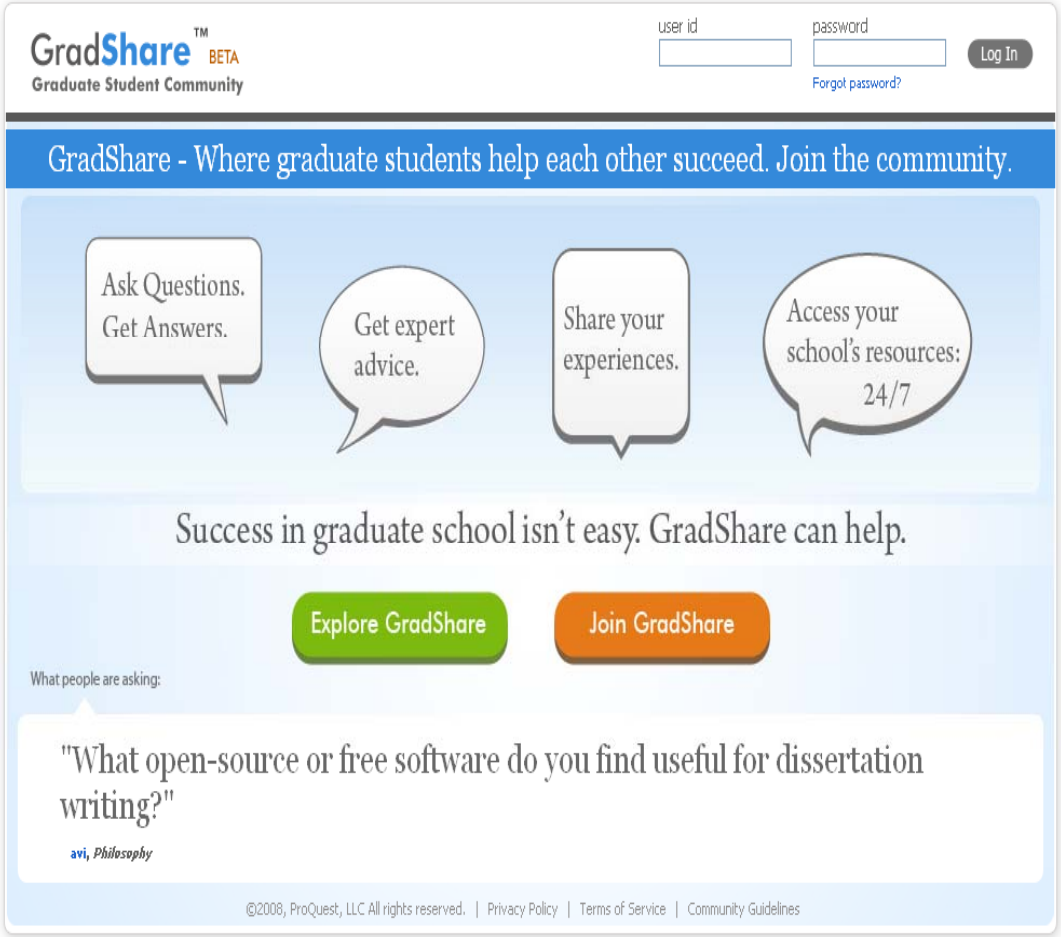

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