

Submitting your ETD

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- You create your submission, a process which includes:
 - providing contact information
 - providing a PDF version of your manuscript
 - making decisions about publishing options and restrictions
- Your submission is then assigned to an administrator at your graduate school for review.

- The assigned administrator reviews your submission to ensure that your information—including your abstract and the PDF of your manuscript—is accurate, correct, and complete. You may be asked to make either minor or major revisions.
 - When your submission passes review, the administrator will 'accept' it.
 - Your ETD is then sent to ProQuest for publishing.
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Providing Publishing and Contact Information

Publishing Information

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Providing Information About Your Dissertation/Thesis

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