Advanced Searching in ProQuest

ProQuest is a general database that contains a wide variety of articles from newspapers, magazines, academic journals, and many other periodical sources.

To get to ProQuest start on the UA-PTC Libraries homepage: http://www.uaptc.edu/library.

- Click on the Databases button.
- Select ProQuest from the alphabetical list of databases.

ProQuest opens to a Basic Search screen with a single search box. To do a more advanced search click on Advanced Search in the ProQuest menu:

To see how ProQuest works, let’s look for articles on medical marijuana and legalization.

Type the topic, medical marijuana, in the top search box. Put the term in quotation marks to tell the database that you want to search for the entire phrase and not just the individual words.

Type your second topic, legalization in the second search box. The AND box tells ProQuest to look for both topics in each article.

Choosing an article and click on the underlined title to view the full text. Use the buttons to the right of the article to download, print, or email the article to yourself

Click the Abstract/Details tab to view the article abstract and complete citation information.

The next screen displays your search results in order of relevance. Limit your results using the Narrow Results menu options to limit by Source Type, Publication Date, Subject, etc.