The Pure development roadmap – What’s in the pipeline for 2022?

At Pure, our goal is to help you unlock institution-wide success by enabling greater efficiency and maximizing results. We do that by ensuring you have robust tools and data to take actionable decisions and attract the right researchers, projects, collaborators and funding.

Today, more than 300 research institutions and organizations worldwide use Pure to showcase the brilliance of their 600,000+ researchers and map, monitor and report on their various outputs.

But with the research landscape rapidly evolving, it’s essential to keep one eye fixed firmly on the future. For our Pure product development team, that means drawing on community feedback to design and deliver features and functionalities that continuously improve the support we provide.

Here we outline key improvements planned for 2022. As some of these are phased innovations, this page also contains information on 2023 developments – a more detailed 2023 roadmap will follow later this year.

- Discover the innovations we’ve introduced in recent releases, including UN Sustainable Development Goal tracking and reporting options, and enhancements linked to open access, metrics and funding.
- Curious to see how Pure can help your institution? Our case studies highlight just some of the ways our clients leverage Pure.
The Pure 2022 roadmap

Our Pure product developments are designed to address four core client activities:

Research management

- **Add new data import sources to Pure** and update existing integrations. For example, we will import journal and subject category metrics from Clarivate’s InCites. We will also enhance current ORCID and Web of Science imports.
- **Improve the quality of the master data.** Alongside cleaning and refining existing data, we are drawing on machine learning to automate and improve matching, linking and deduplication of records for new data imports. **Work will extend into 2023.**
- **Increase the speed and efficiency of the data import and export process** with a new, purpose-built integration platform that will also support faster system maintenance and updates. **Work will extend into 2023.**
- **Make it easier to find and import data into Pure** with customizable matching parameters. We will begin by adding automated ID searching and imports from Digital Commons and ResearchMaps. We will also make it easier to add new sources and IDs, and expand existing matching options.
- **Enhance administrator workflows,** making it easier for you to secure funds, manage research processes and engage researchers.

Research funding

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- **Increase the volume of non-research outputs in Pure** that you can analyze and report on. This will include remodeling data sets to better support open science; for example, easier compliance with Europe’s OpenAIRE guidelines, saving you time and ensuring your data sets are easy to find and accessible.
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Along with the feedback we receive from the Pure user group community and the Elsevier support teams, these activities guide all our planning conversations and roadmap development. For ease of reference, we have used them to categorize the information on this page.
management tasks at a glance. We are also exploring linking milestones to the approvals process, so you can rest easy in the knowledge that all required steps have been addressed. **Work will extend into 2023.**

**Expertise & collaboration:** drive your research program forward

To build your research enterprise, the ability to **forge new partnerships** is key, whether that’s between on-campus research teams or with external collaborators. So, in 2022, we will work to:

- **Deepen the capabilities of Pure’s community module,** empowering your communities to collaborate on the creation and management of applications, awards, projects and other content types. This will include:
  - Improving the speed and performance of data transfers, along with destination options. We will also optimize data matching, deduplication and merging.
  - **Scaling up the range of community module services on offer;** for example, supporting imports from non-Pure users.
  - Enhancing options to showcase your community and content on your Pure portal, and enabling reporting on shared outcomes.
  - **Working with Pure communities to understand your future needs,** from best practice guides and consultation services, to risk and mitigation strategies. Your feedback will guide Pure’s future development and service roadmaps.
  - **Complete our design and functionality refresh of the Pure portal.** The portal not only showcases research and makes it discoverable, it also supports networking between researchers. We are close to completing a raft of exiting developments that will:
    - **Promote engagement with the content;** visitors will be able to follow a team, department or researcher.
    - **Make it easier to highlight your latest research** and noteworthy updates; for example, you’ll be able to create sub-portals or landing pages for specific topics or teams.
    - **Enable you to look beyond metadata** and expose valuable connections among people, publications, funding opportunities, and ideas.

**Impact & engagement:** get recognized for research excellence

It’s never been as important to **highlight the great work taking place in your institution.** For the Pure product development team, a key priority is ensuring that you can boost your organization’s reputation and advance open science by demonstrating your research expertise and impact to strategic partners, governments and funders.

The reporting module offers a key opportunity to showcase that expertise, so, in 2022, we will:

- **Introduce a flexible report scheduling option.** You will be able to specify the times and dates you would like named users to receive a current snapshot of your institution’s data story. You will also be able to track who has received and viewed these reports.
- **Redefine reporting roles and responsibilities,** so that you can easily determine the level of access and editing rights assigned to your users.
- **Enable reporting on collaborations** both inside and outside your institution, offering valuable insights into the productivity and impact of those partnerships.
- **Ensure you can build faster and more effective reports;** for example, by adding new filters such as ‘larger than’ or ‘smaller than’ and the option to identify missing values – particularly valuable for data cleaning and management. We will also improve reporting on relationships; for example, current affiliations and job titles.
- **Help existing clients optimize their reporting and increase support for new users.** The reporting homepage has been updated with instructions, videos, and best practice tips, and we will now introduce online training workshops.
We are working to enhance Pure’s award management module, making it easier to track and monitor the entire research grant life cycle and enrich grant applications with data-driven metrics and reliable content. This includes further integration with Elsevier’s Funding Institutional solution, so that you can easily find and apply for the most relevant grants. Importantly, the developments we have planned for 2022 will benefit other modules and features in Pure. This work includes:

• Improving award management processes. We are rolling out more flexible workflows, task assignment and approval processes. And to optimize communication and collaboration within teams, we are enhancing the commenting options. Work will extend into 2023.

• Expanding the use and visibility of milestones, so that you can track progress against crucial award management tasks at a glance. We are also exploring linking milestones to the approvals process, so you can rest easy in the knowledge that all required steps have been addressed. Work will extend into 2023.

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