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Subject: Pure, the new University Research Information System is available

The University of Bristol's new research information system, Pure, is now available to be used. Pure provides staff with the opportunity to view and manage information about their own research activity including publications, projects, awards and activities, within a single system.

You can use Pure to:

1. Maintain records of your research outputs, including setting up Pure to automatically scan for your publications in Web of Science, PubMed and ArXiv
2. Showcase and keep records of your awards and other indicators of esteem and activity
3. View information about your funded research projects and add additional information about project participants, project descriptions, and details of non-funded projects
4. View other research-related information in one place - including details of any postgraduate research students you supervise (information from SITS) and your recent applications and awards (information from ORCA)
5. Create links between your publications, projects and activities
6. View and search the (non confidential) research outputs and projects of colleagues leading to increased openness and internal understanding of the University research portfolio.

Having been entered into Pure once, data can be used for a variety of purposes, including creating CVs and bibliographies, and later this year automatic population of web pages on a new *Explore Bristol Research* web site. Pure will also lead to improvements in reporting and understanding of information about the breadth of the University of Bristol's research portfolio. We will be using its dedicated REF sub-system to support the development of our submission to REF2014 and the mock REF process to be run this autumn.

The implementation of Pure is a major step forward in how we handle information about our research at the University. In an increasingly competitive environment it is essential that we have up-to-date and accurate information about the excellent research undertaken at Bristol in order to support its further development.

For details about how to use Pure please visit: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/red/research-policy/pure/>

If you have problems accessing or using pure, please contact the support team: pure-support@bristol.ac.uk

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