Changes to the Projects (research grants) data model in PURE

Overview
We are pleased to announce that PURE has recently been upgraded to the Unified Project Model (UPM). This model restructures the way in which grant application and award data from Agresso is presented within PURE, and ensures that the version of PURE we are running continues to be supported by the suppliers.

The new release includes features designed to:

- Allow for better reporting on grant applications and awards;
- Enrich the data held in PURE by facilitating links between different content types; &
- Allow further system integrations in the future.

What has changed?
The previous model held information on application and awards in two categories of record – ‘Applications / Funding’ and ‘Projects’. The upgrade sees the introduction of a new category of record, ‘Awards’, whilst redefining and repurposing the concept of a ‘Project’ within PURE.

Applications: Application records continue to hold information regarding the initial grant application. The Application record contains data regarding:

- Funder, amount applied for, applicants (PI and Co-I), lifecycle (expected start and end dates).

Awards: In the old model, award data were conflated with non-Agresso projects. This limited PURE’s capacity to report specifically on award information. The creation of a separate record of awards means that researchers and administrators can more directly interrogate PURE for information regarding successful grant applications, which includes:

- funder, amount awarded, participants (PI and Co-I), lifecycle (i.e. start and end dates), budget and expenditure.

Projects: The new model seeks to create a project record which can be used to unify all data regarding the grant application and award (see diagram below).

A project record will automatically be created upon the successful awarding of a grant. The record will be linked to the application and award records.

It can further be linked to research outputs, activities and impacts. By creating these links, the project record can act as a nexus of all information regarding the academic project.

Application, Award and Project records will continue to be created automatically in PURE; the only exception should be the creation of a Project record for research which is not logged in Agresso (as has previously been the case).
What do the changes mean for you?

The Unified Project Model does not require any additional input from the user; all changes will be implemented automatically at the point of importing grant data from Agresso.

However, you can now create more intuitive and productive links between content types to lend greater cohesion and unity to your records in PURE, providing a central point of reference for each academic project as a whole.

Contacts

If you have further questions about the new Projects data model, or you have noticed an error in your data, please contact PURE Support (reo-pure-support@york.ac.uk; ext 2719).
Appendix: What does the new project record look like?

Project Overview screen: click on Pen icon to edit

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