Gather richer research signals with Scopus

The comprehensive, expertly-curated, enriched data and linked scholarly literature in Scopus delivers more and improved insights in a way that is easy to access and understand.

Easy to glean, brighter signals give researchers and institutions a valuable competitive edge.

How does Scopus deliver richer research signals?

These are just some of the ways we have enhanced them in 2021:

- **Scopus Author Profile pages**: We’ve expanded the existing functionality to provide additional information and context.
- **Author Feedback Wizard**: We have made the workflow more intuitive and introduced the ability to edit preprint and grant data.
- **Documents Details page**: New features include a Views Count metric and Scopus Author Profile previews.
- **Preprint content in Author Profiles**: SSRN preprints are joining the content we’ve added from four other major preprint servers since January this year.
- **Funding data**: We’ve increased the number of articles containing funding information, optimized tracking functionality, and launched a project to add historical funding award data to Author Profiles.
- **Open access (OA) filters**: We have added or updated OA classifications for 17 million documents to date, so OA content is easier to locate and analyze.

The Scopus Author Profile page

Expanded functionality with additional information and context:

- Better design and layout, with more personalized features to help you get the most out of Scopus, including alerts and lists.
- New section! Most Contributed Topics, highlighting the author’s top three publication areas.

Improved Author Feedback Wizard (AFW)

- Simplified and modular flow supports faster and easier updates.
- Now provide feedback on any preprints and awarded grants linked to your Scopus Author Profile.
- Give granular and more detailed feedback, enabling faster response times.
Redesigned Document Details page
- Redesigned, easier-to-use metrics section includes a new metric — Views Count — so you can understand usage at a glance.
- In one click, preview key information from the associated Scopus Author Profile.
- For Reaxys customers, see improved insights and information from the expert-curated chemistry database.

Policy citations in PlumX
- Over 7.8 million policy citations have been added to nearly 3 million items in Scopus, linking research to use in policy.
- Policy citations are available via PlumX in the Metrics section of the Document Details page.
- This new policy citation data source allows Elsevier and Scopus to have the most policy citation coverage available.

Preprint content in Scopus Author Profiles
Over 1 million Scopus Author Profiles are enriched with 600,000 preprints dating back to 2017. Preprints are drawn from:
- arXiv and ChemRxiv (Physical Sciences)
- bioRxiv and medRxiv (Biomedical Sciences)
- SSRN

Funding: Monitoring and compliance
We increased the number of Scopus articles containing funding information to 16.5 million — an increase of more than 900,000. Scopus can now:
- Track and display funding information for an article, even when the funder is not directly mentioned in the paper.
- Integrate funding information from external sources, and combine and disambiguate it from the funding data drawn from author acknowledgements.
- Return publications acknowledging a funding body’s sub-divisions, e.g., institutes, departments, or divisions, when you search on a funding body by name, providing a more complete picture of funding history.

OA filters
- We have added or updated OA classifications for 17 million documents to date, making open access content easier to locate and analyze.
- We source the information for our OA documents from Unpaywall, a database run by the non-profit organization Impactstory, which harvests open access content from over 50,000 publishers and repositories.

Still to come! The Scopus development pipeline
The United Nations’ 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are playing an increasingly important role in research. Over the next 12–18 months, we will work on:
- Leveraging machine learning and enhancing queries to improve the discovery of publications relevant to a specific SDG.
- Adding SDGs to the record page.
- Our goal? To deliver the most comprehensive SDG coverage possible.