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A physicist by training, Patrick Furrer obtained his doctoral thesis in the laboratory of Jacques Dubochet in the field of cryo-electron microscopy modeling of DNA supercoiling. He continued his research career in pharmaceutical chemistry at UCSF, where he contributed to the development of one of the antisense therapies against HIV, and then at the EPFL in applied mathematics. With his generalist background he took on the responsibility of national contact point for European programs in information technology, within the network euresearch which he co-directed for 9 years, and headed the internationalization of the network Ideal-ist.

As Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation at the University of Applied Science and Arts of Western Switzerland (ca. 2500 researchers) he led the creation of the institution's open archive and headed the steering committee of the Swiss Library Service Platform project (SLSP). In 2018, Patrick Furrer joined swissuniversities where he coordinated the national « Scientific information » program and the implementation of the national « Open Science » program, including introducing an Open Peer Review process.

Since 2019, he has also developed an activity as a freelance consultant, advising researchers and institutions on European research programs, impacts and organizational changes needed to achieve open science.