

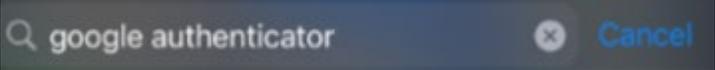
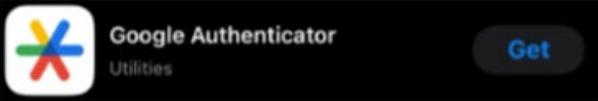
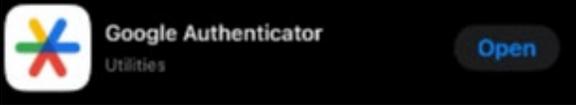
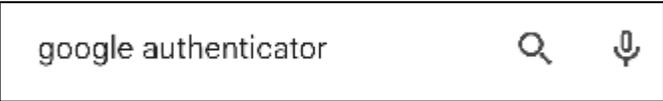
Google Authenticator is available as a multifactor authentication (MFA) security method for users who do not have a financial or administrative role in Research.gov. You can only use this security method if you have a mobile device (smartphone or tablet).

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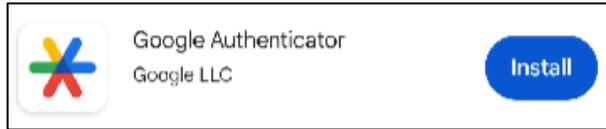
Google Authenticator: Before You Begin

To set up Google Authenticator, the Google Authenticator application must be installed on the mobile device. (For an iOS device, install the **free** application from the **App store**. For an Android device, install the **free** app from the **Play Store**.)

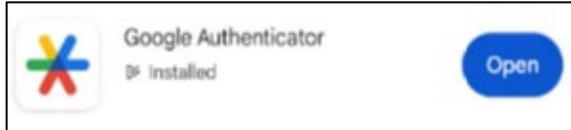
NOTE: DO NOT DELETE THE GOOGLE AUTHENTICATOR APP FROM YOUR MOBILE DEVICE. YOU WILL NEED IT TO SIGN INTO RESEARCH.GOV EACH TIME.

Operating System	Download Instructions
Apple/iOS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find the App Store  icon on your device and tap to open. 2. Using the Search function, type 'Google Authenticator' and tap the Search icon.  3. The Google Authenticator app will display. NOTE: Ensure you are downloading the correct app. Google Authenticator is a free download. No purchase is necessary. 4. Tap on the app icon and then the Get button.  5. Once Google Authenticator is installed, the Install button will now show Open. 
Android	<p>Download Google Authenticator on your Android device:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find the Google Play  icon on your device and tap to open. 2. Using the Search function, type 'Google Authenticator' and tap the Search icon.  3. The app will display. NOTE: Ensure you are downloading the correct app. Google Authenticator is a free download. No purchase is necessary.

4. Tap on the app icon and then the 'install' button.

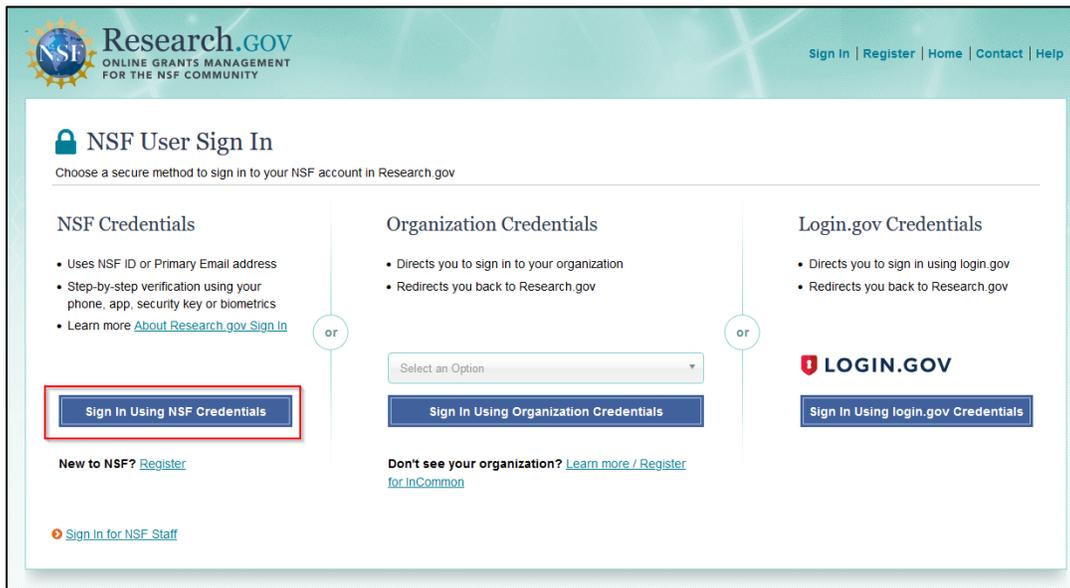


5. Once Google Authenticator is installed, the Install button will now show Open.

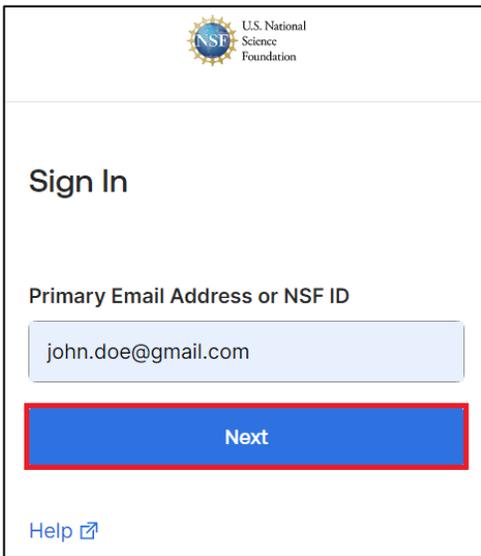


Google Authenticator: Verify & Setup

1. Open [Research.gov](https://www.research.gov)
2. Click **Sign In** located at the top of the screen to enter NSF account credentials.
3. Click **Sign In Using NSF Credentials**.



4. Enter your **primary email address or NSF ID** and click **Next**.
5. Enter your password and then click **Verify**.



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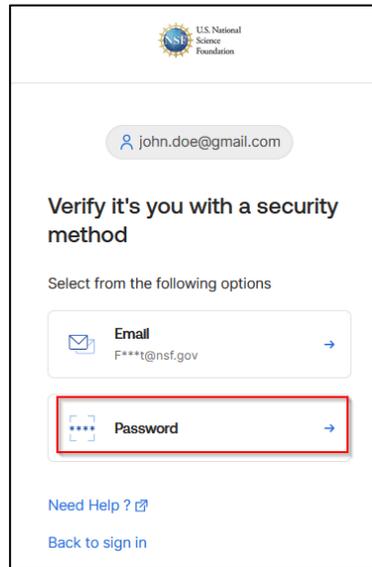
Sign In

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Verify it's you with a security method

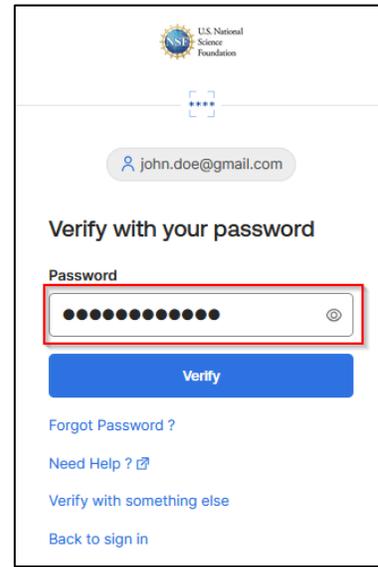
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Verify with your password

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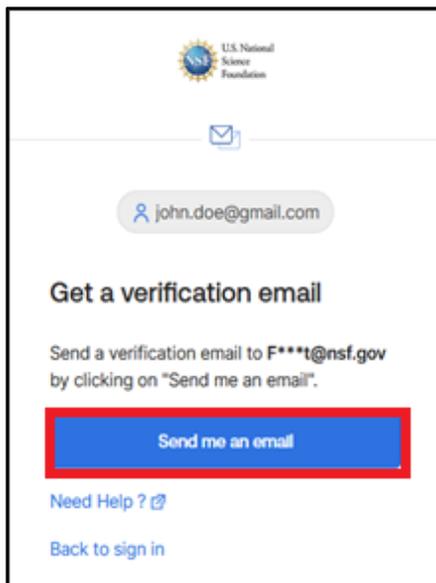
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Please ensure you have access to your NSF account primary email address as you may be required to complete a validation step with a one-time passcode sent to this email.

If you are asked to verify your primary email address, please follow Steps 6-8. Otherwise, please go to Step 9.

Your email address is another form of verification used to ensure you are the account owner.

- Click **Send me an email**.
 - Once you click **Send me an email**, you will receive a **one-time verification code** email from nsfextloginnoreply@nsf.gov to your primary email address you used when you registered for an NSF account in Research.gov.
- Note:** If you prefer to use a code instead, you can click **Enter a verification code instead**. Enter the 6-digit code at the bottom of the Account password reset email and then click **Verify**.



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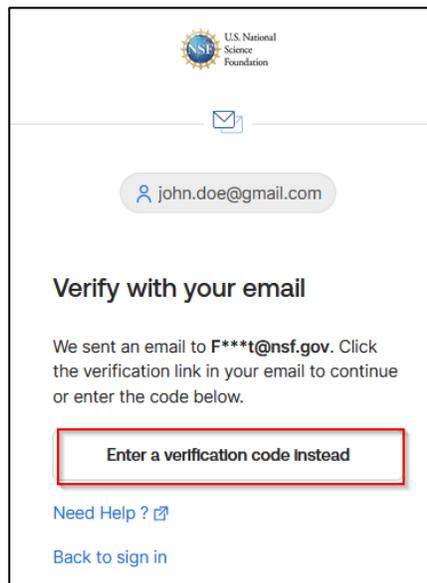
Get a verification email

Send a verification email to F***t@nsf.gov by clicking on "Send me an email".

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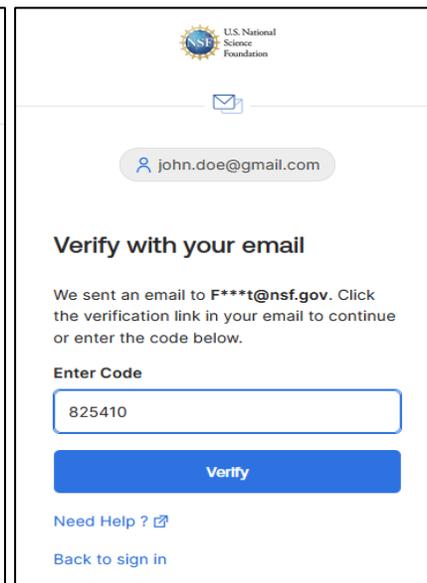
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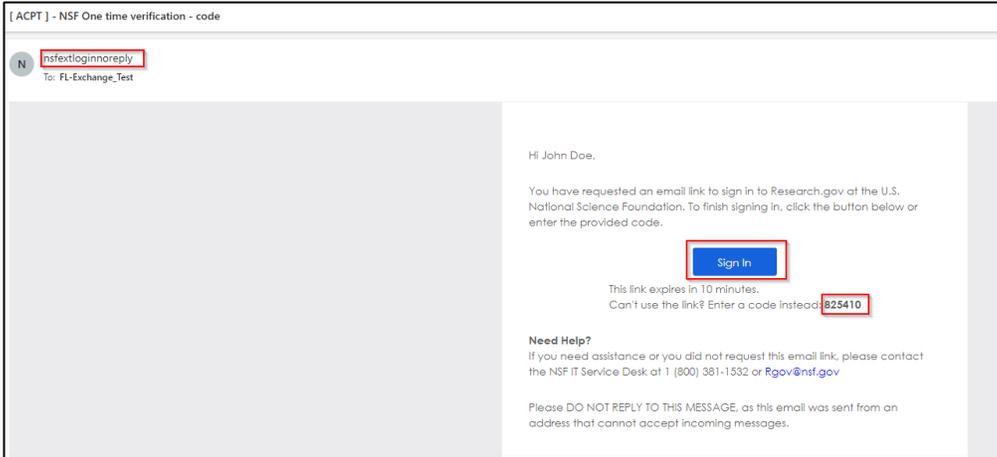
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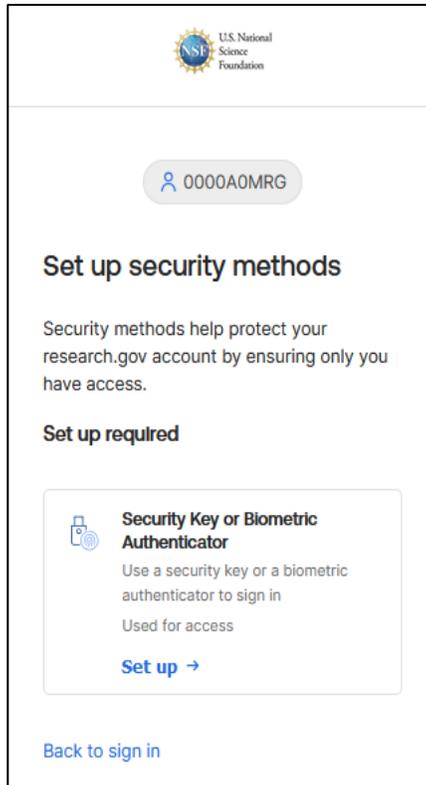
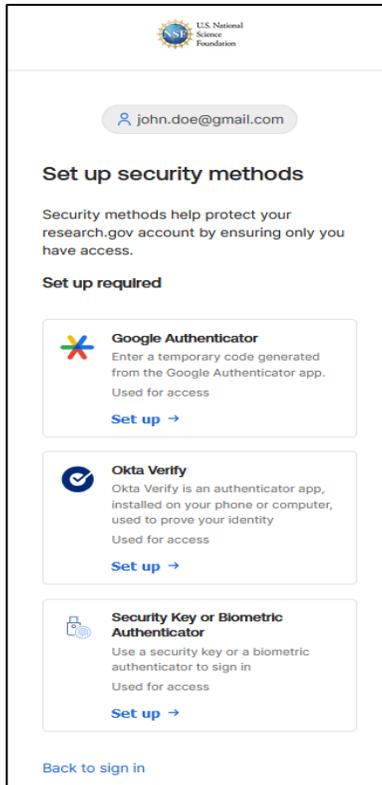
- Click **Sign In** from the email. After you click **Sign In**, you will be required to set up an additional security method. (The available security methods that display depend on your role(s) in Research.gov.)



9. The Set up security methods menu appears.

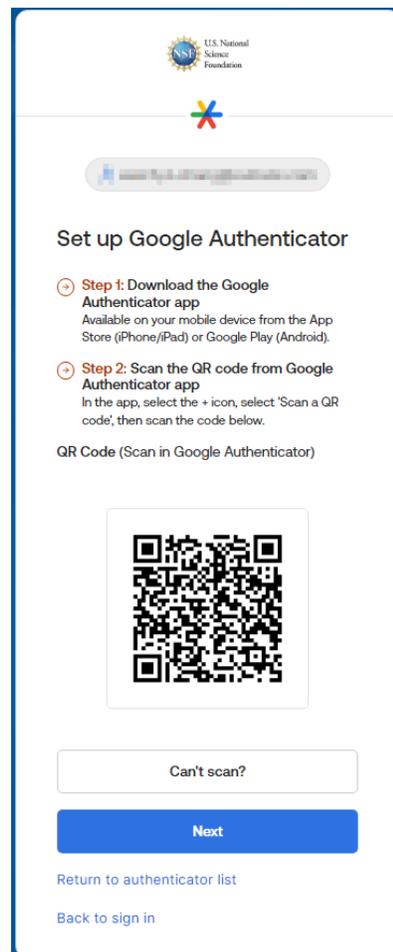
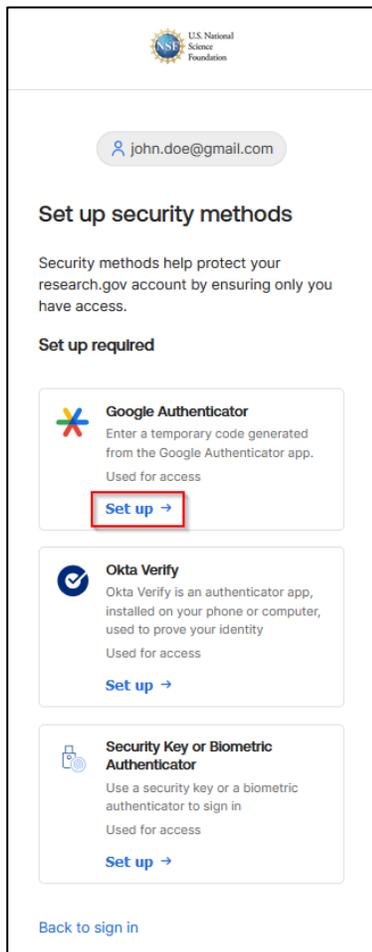
Standard Users

Administrative or Financial Users



10. From your browser, click **Set up** under **Google Authenticator** from the **Set up security methods** screen.

11. Once you click Set up, a QR code will be displayed on the browser screen. **Note: You will not scan the QR code until step 14.**



12. On your mobile device, open the **Google Authenticator** application.

13. Click on the  icon and select **Scan a QR code** on your mobile device.

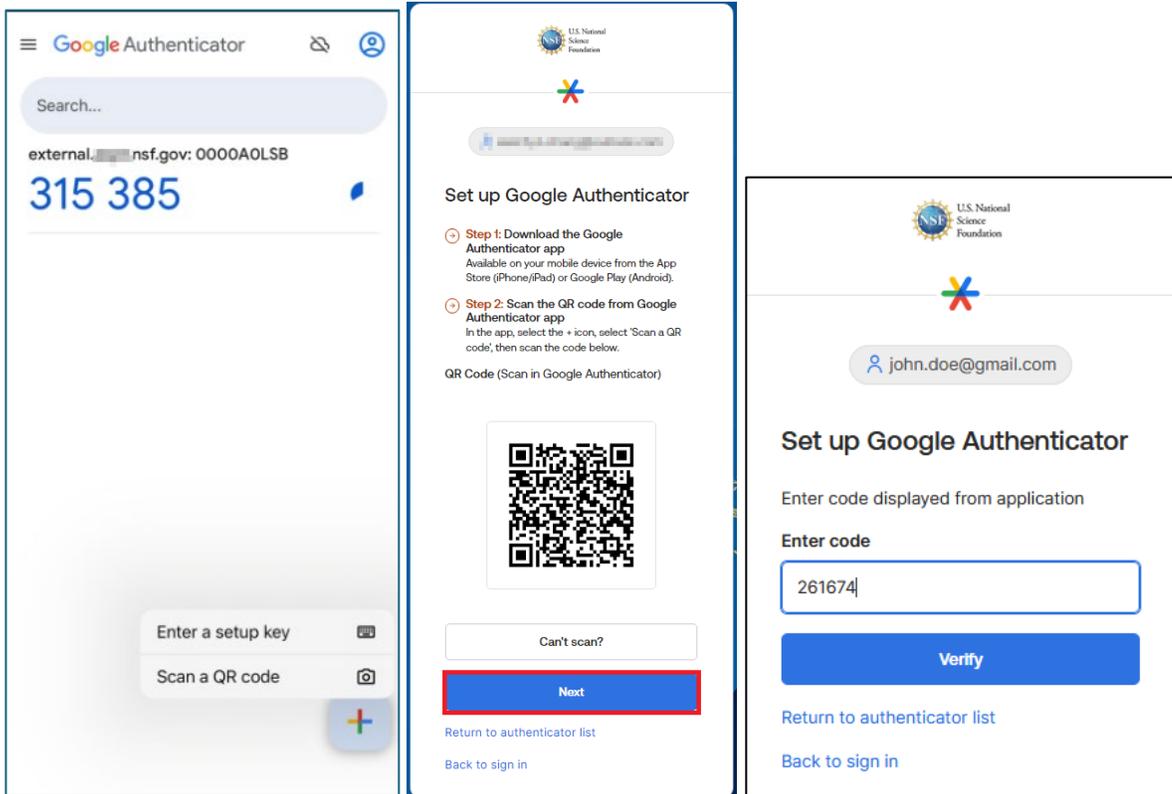
Note: You may need to allow Authenticator to take pictures and record video on your mobile device. Click **Only this time**.

14. Position the mobile device camera squarely over the QR code displayed until it scans the link.

15. Once you scan the QR code, you will see a 6-digit rotating code on the Google Authenticator app.

16. Click **Next** on the **Set-up Google Authenticator** window.

17. Enter the 6-digit code on your device in the **Enter code** field in Research.gov and then click **Verify**.



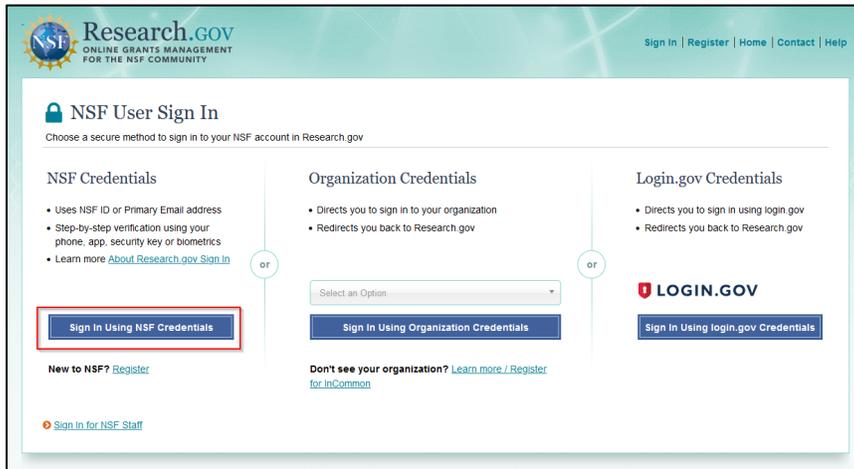
Note: Depending on your role in Research.gov, you may be prompted to set up additional security methods. If you choose not to do so at this time, click **Continue**.

You will then be authenticated and navigated to the application you are trying to access.

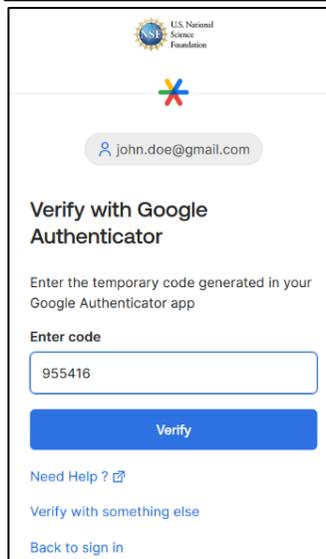
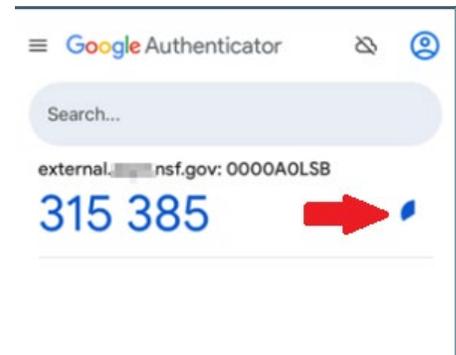
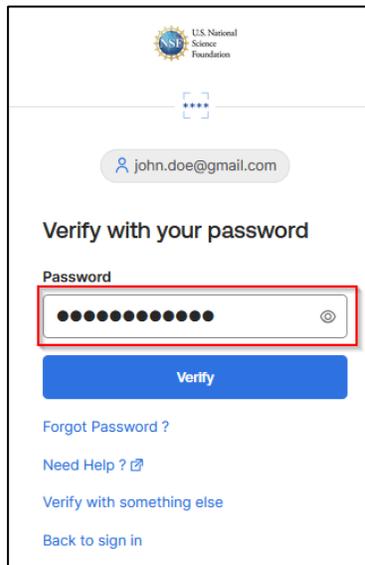
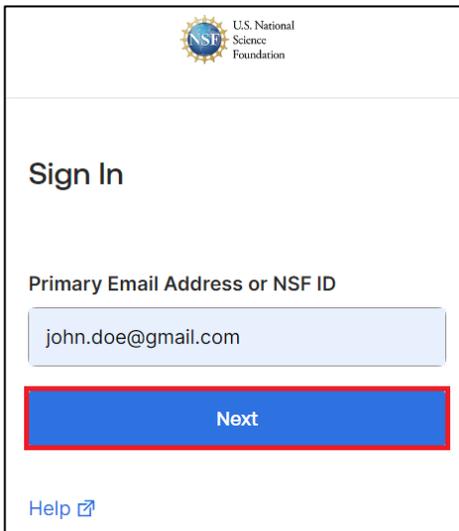
Google Authenticator: Signing In

Note: If you don't have access to the mobile device that you used to set up Google Authenticator to sign into Research.gov, you will not be able to sign in using this option.

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Open the Google Authenticator app on your mobile device and locate the 6-digit rotating code associated with your NSF account.

6. The verification code is displayed under the email account or NSF ID.

Enter the 6-digit code and click **Verify**.

NOTE: Each code will only be displayed for 30 seconds. Wait for the code to change before you enter the 6 digits so you have enough time, or you may receive an error.

7. You will be authenticated and navigated to the application you are trying to access.

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