



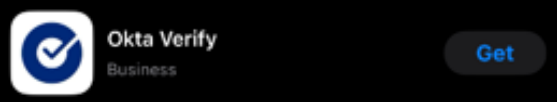
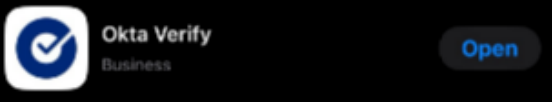


Okta Verify is available as a multifactor authentication (MFA) security method for users who do not have a financial or administrative role in Research.gov. You can only use this security method if you have a mobile device (smartphone or tablet).

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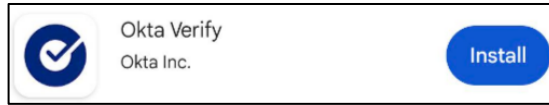
## Okta Verify: Before you Begin

To set up MFA using Okta Verify, the Okta Verify 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**.)

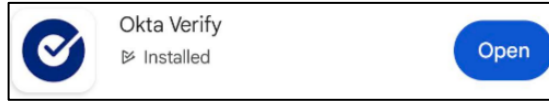
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| Operating System | Download Instructions  |
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| Apple/iOS        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Find the <b>App Store</b>  icon on your device and tap to open.</li> <li>2. Using the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

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

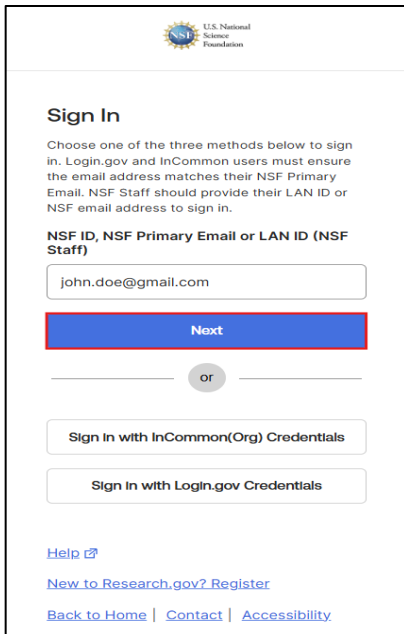


5. Once Okta Verify is installed, the Install button will now show Open.



## Okta Verify: Verify & Setup

1. **Open** a web browser and go to [Research.gov](https://Research.gov)
2. On the Research.gov homepage, click the **“Sign In”** button located at the top-right corner of the screen
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4. Enter your **NSF ID** or **NSF Primary Email** and click **Next**.
5. Enter your password and then click **Verify**.



**Sign In**

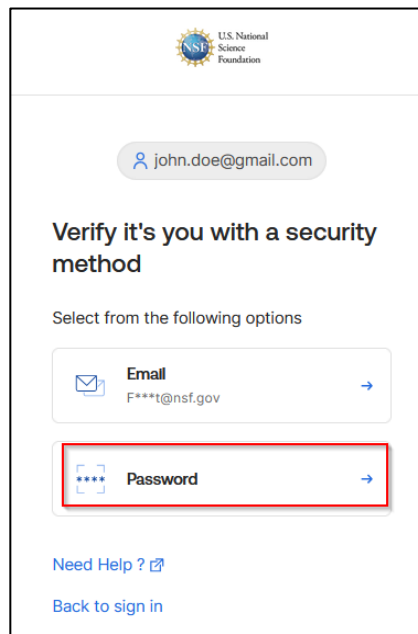
Choose one of the three methods below to sign in. Login.gov and InCommon users must ensure the email address matches their NSF Primary Email. NSF Staff should provide their LAN ID or NSF email address to sign in.

NSF ID, NSF Primary Email or LAN ID (NSF Staff)

**Next**

or

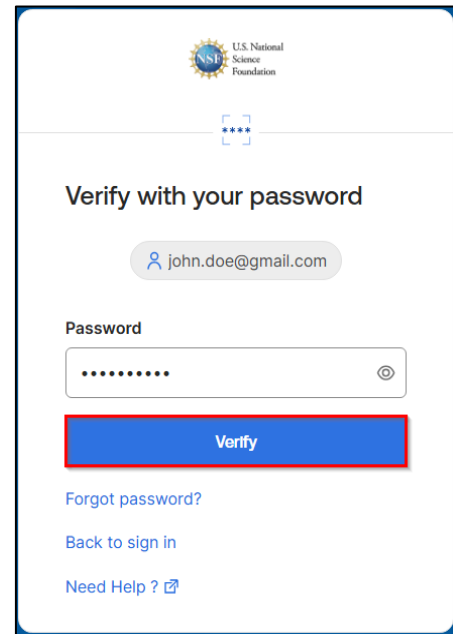
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**Verify it's you with a security method**

Select from the following options

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**Verify with your password**

Password

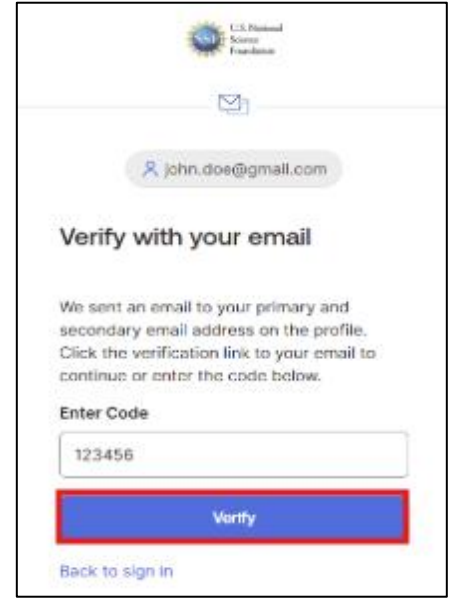
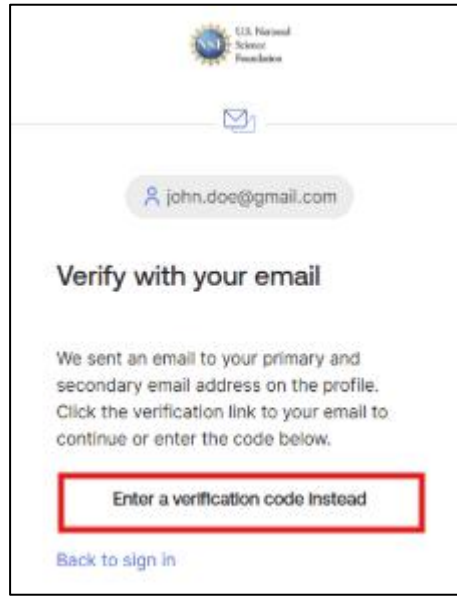
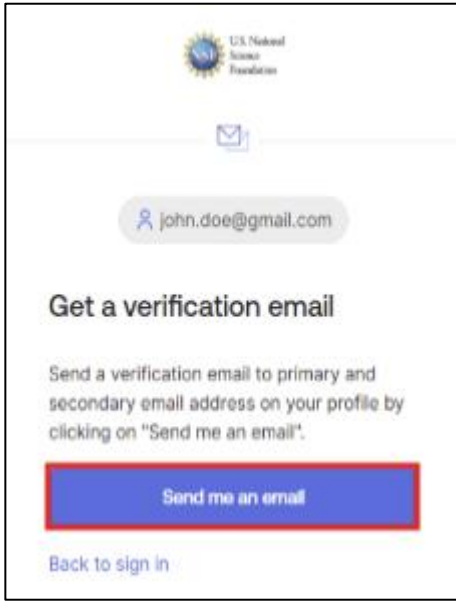
**Verify**

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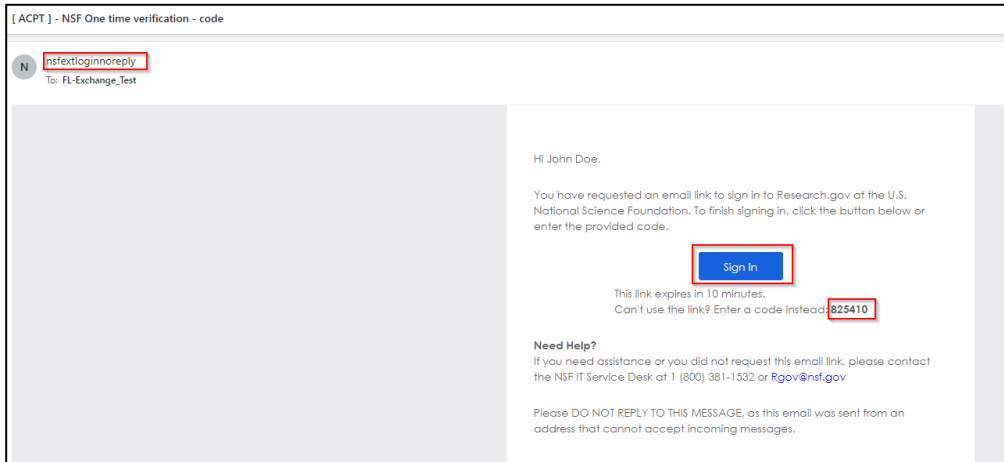
**Please ensure you have access to your NSF account primary email address as you may be required to complete a validation step with a one-time passcode sent to this email. If you are asked to verify your primary email address, please follow Steps 6-8. Otherwise, please go to Step 9.**

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

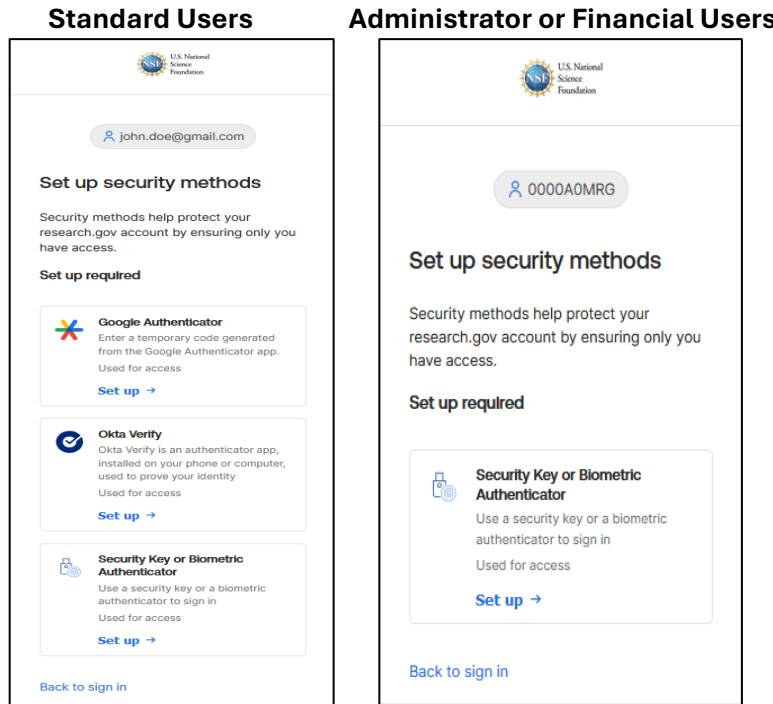
6. Click **Send me an email**.
7. Once you click **Send me an email**, you will receive a **one-time verification code** email from [nsfextloginnoreply@nsf.gov](mailto:nsfextloginnoreply@nsf.gov) to your primary and secondary Email address you used when you registered for an NSF account in Research.gov.  
**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 then click **Verify**.



- Click **Sign In** from the email. After you click on **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.)

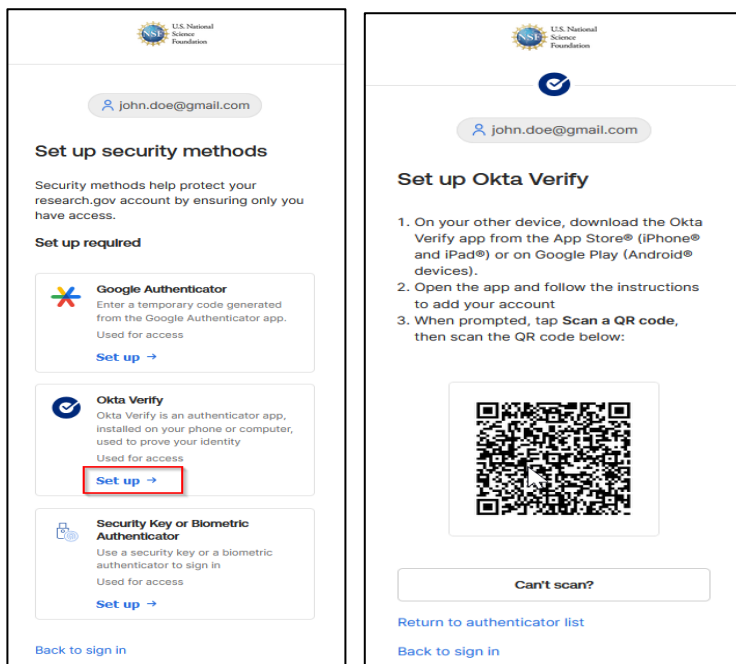


9. The Set up security methods menu appears.



10. Click **Set up** under **Okta Verify** from the **Set up security methods** screen.

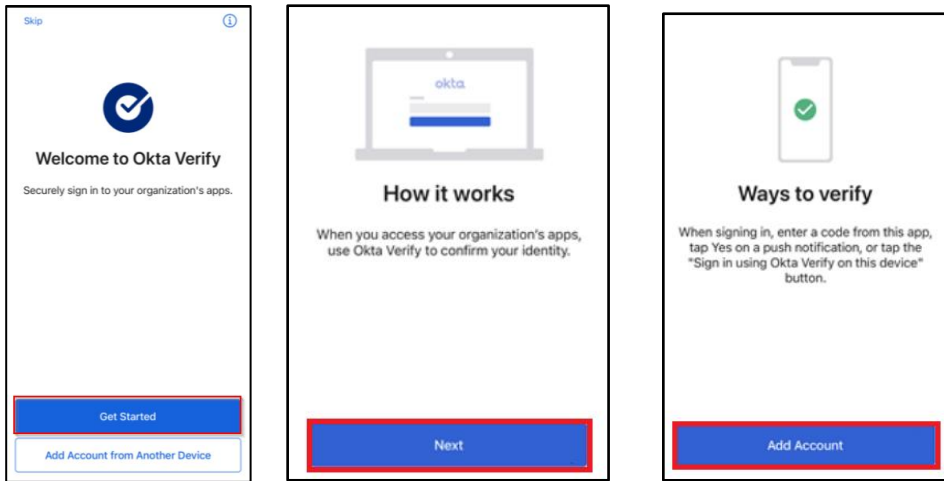
11. A QR code will be displayed. **Do not scan the QR code until you get to Step 19.**



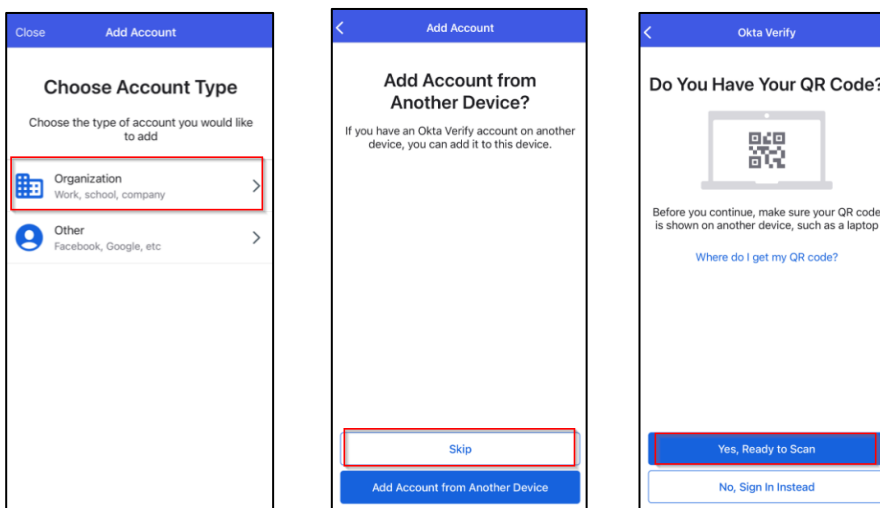


On your mobile device, open the **Okta Verify** application.

12. Select **Get started** on your mobile device.
13. Select **Next**.
14. Click **Add account** at the bottom of the screen on your mobile device.

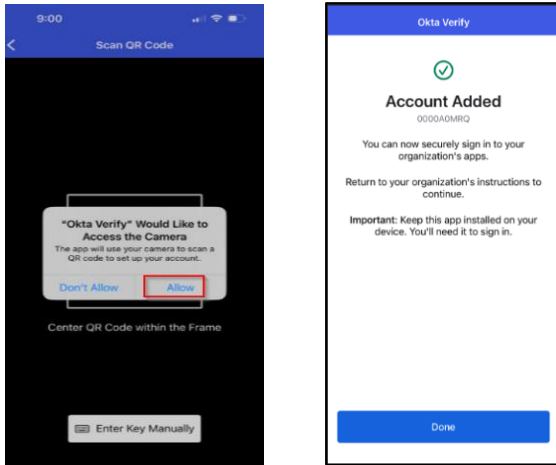


15. Select **Organization** on your mobile device.
16. Select **Skip** if you're prompted to add an account from another device on your mobile device.
17. Click **Yes, ready to scan** on your mobile device.



**Note:** You may be requested to Allow Okta Verify to take pictures and record video.

18. Position the mobile device camera squarely over the QR code displayed until it scans the link.
19. Once the QR code is scanned, you can select Got it or Skip based on your preference on the Account Added screen.  
Click **Done** on your mobile device.



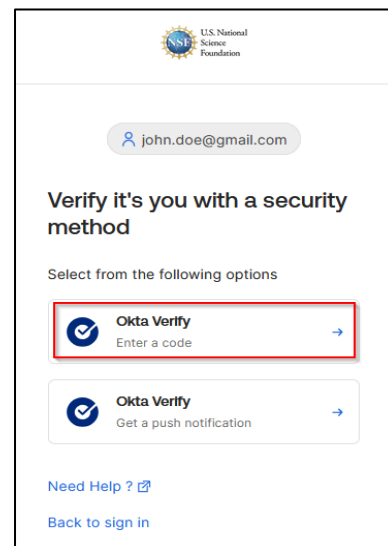
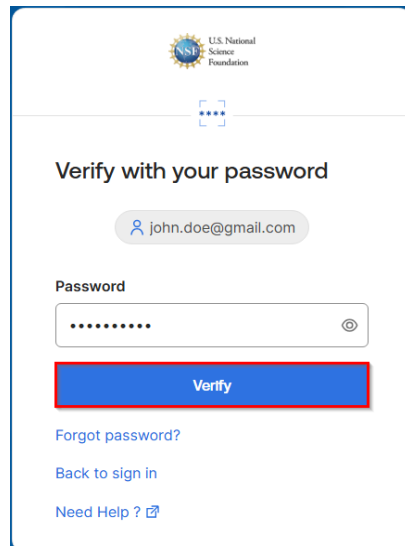
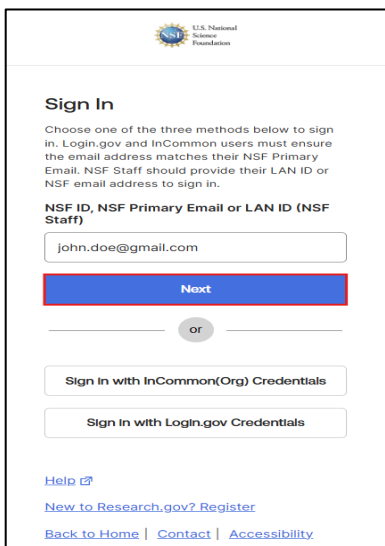
**Note:** Depending on your role in Research.gov, you may be prompted to set up additional security methods. If you choose not to do so at this time, click **Continue**.


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

## Okta Verify: Signing In Using a Code

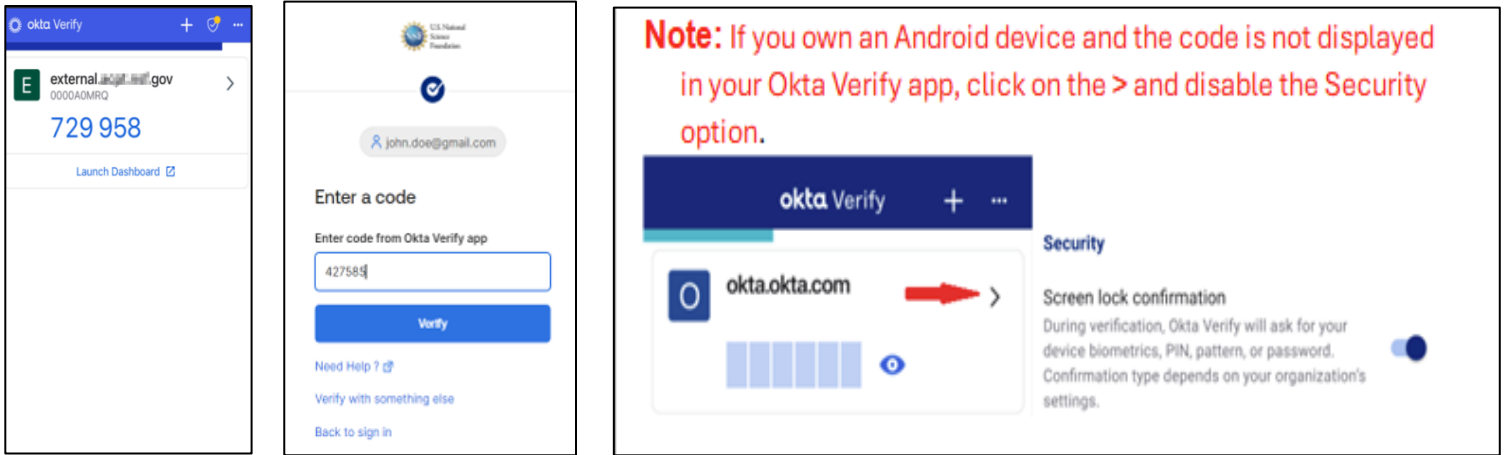
**Note:** You must use the same mobile device used during MFA setup to authenticate.

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2. On the **Research.gov homepage**, click the **“Sign In”** button located at the top-right corner of the screen
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5. Enter your password and then click **Verify**.

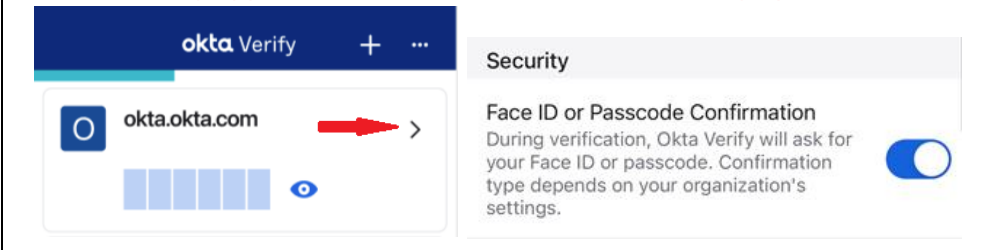


6. On a mobile device, open the Okta Verify app  and locate your NSF account.
7. The verification code is displayed.
8. Enter the 6-digit code and click **Verify**.

**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.**



**Note:** If you own an Apple device and the code is not displayed in your Okta Verify app, click on the > and disable the Security option.



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

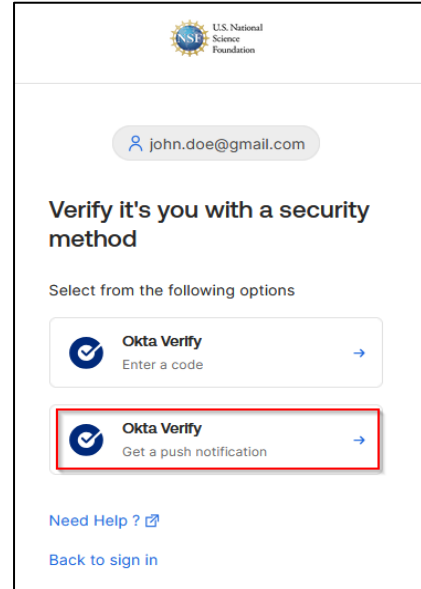
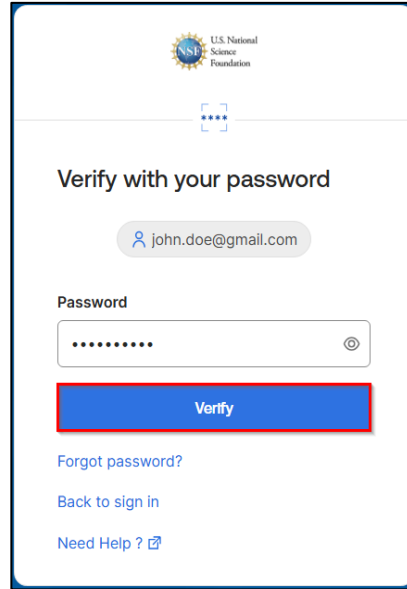
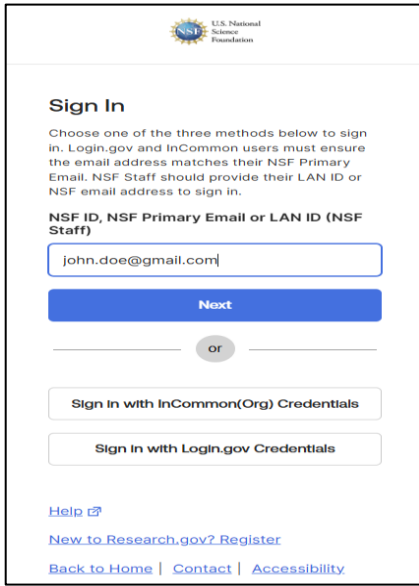
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## Okta Verify: Signing In Using a Push Notification

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When you set up Okta Verify, the Okta Verify Push notification security method is automatically added as one of your sign-in options.

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2. On the **Research.gov homepage**, click the **“Sign In”** button located at the top-right corner of the screen
3. The system redirects you to the login page.
4. Enter your **NSF ID** or **NSF Primary Email** and click **Next**.
5. Enter your password and then click **Verify**.



6. After entering your password, click **Send push**.
7. The OKTA Verify application on your mobile device displays a notification that says **Did You Just Try to Sign In**. The notification may be small or full page, depending on whether your mobile device is locked or unlocked.
8. Click **Yes, it's me** on your mobile device, you will be authenticated and navigated to the application you are trying to access.

**Note:** If you select the **Send push, automatically** check box, it will allow you to bypass the Send push prompt the next time you sign in.

