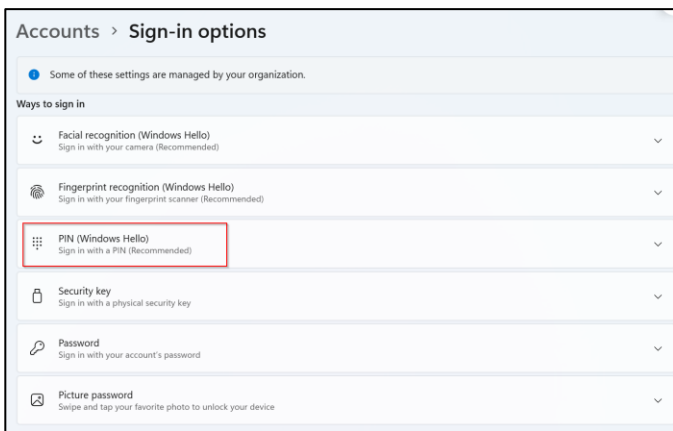


The PIN option is available as a multifactor authentication (MFA) security method for Windows users signing into Research.gov.

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## PIN: Before You Begin for Windows

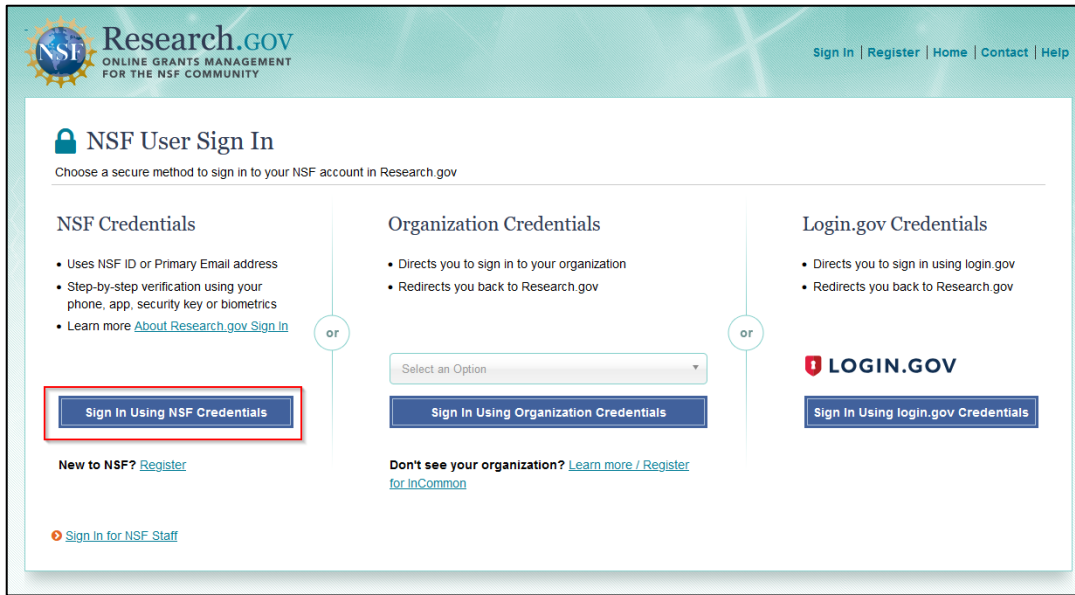
1. From your Windows system, navigate to **Accounts > Sign-In options**
2. Select **Windows Hello PIN**



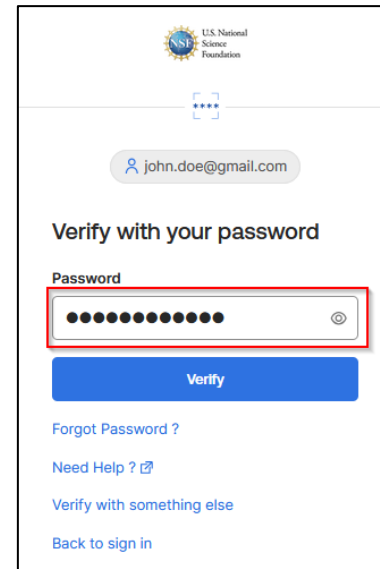
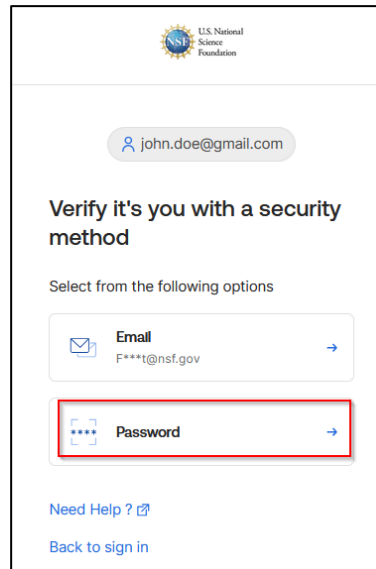
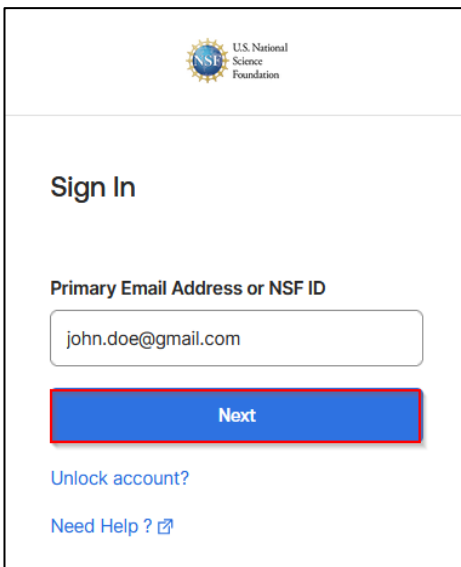
3. Click the **Add** button to create a new PIN for your account.
4. You may be prompted to enter your Windows account password.
5. Enter your PIN and confirm it.
6. Click **OK**.

## PIN: 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 then click **Verify**.



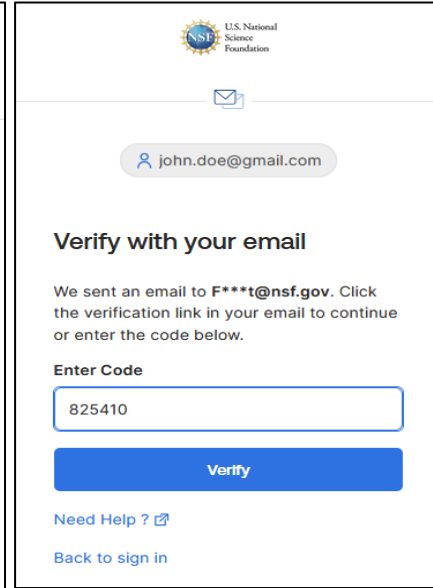
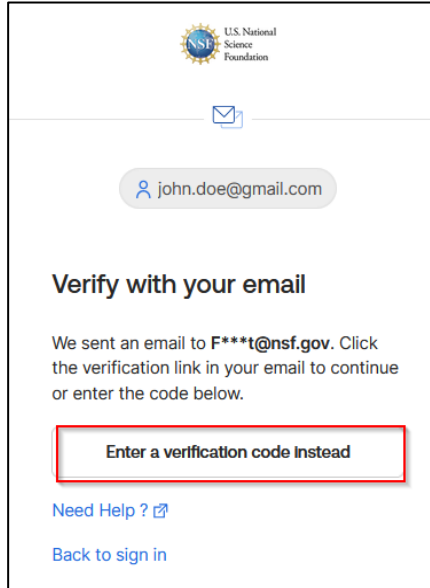
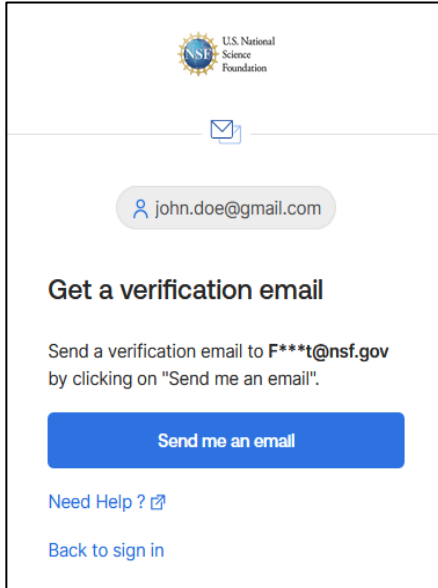
**Please ensure you have access to your NSF account primary email address as you may be required to complete a validation step with a one-time passcode sent to this email.**

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

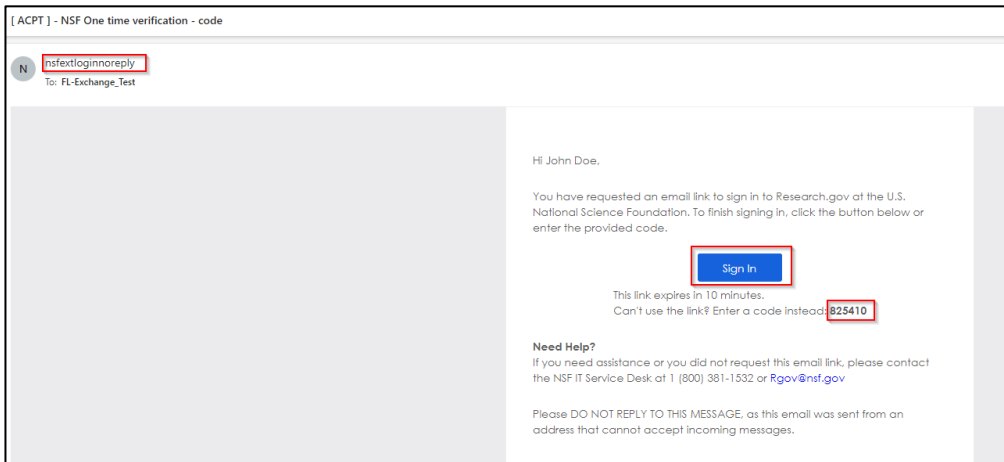
Your email address is another form of verification used to ensure you are the account owner.

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

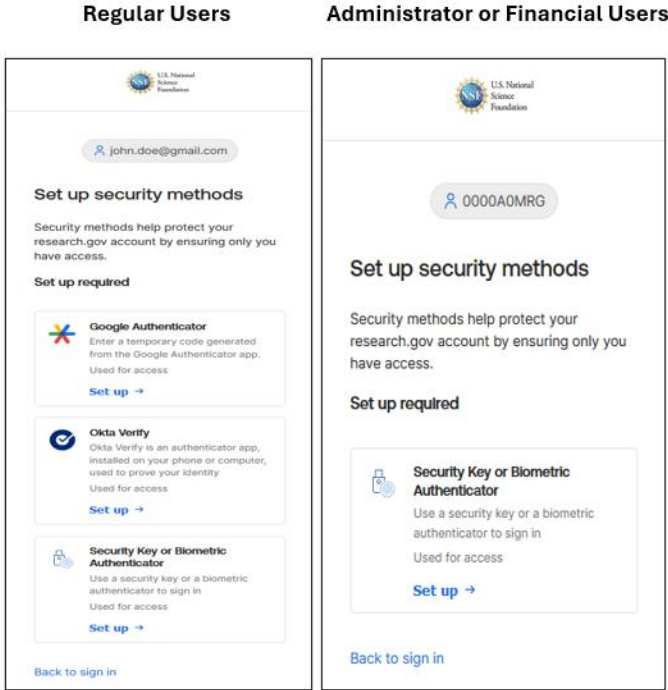
**Note:** If you prefer to use a code instead, you can click **Enter a verification code instead**. Enter the 6-digit code at the bottom of the Account password reset email then click **Verify**.



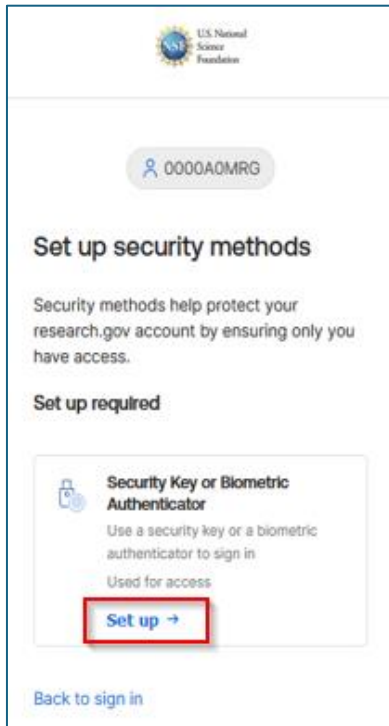
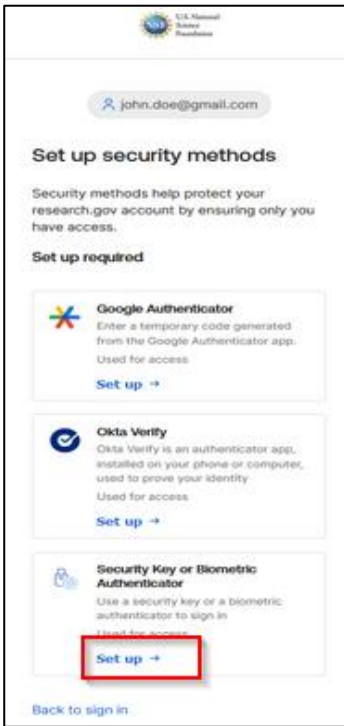
8. Click **Sign In** from the email. After you click **Sign In**, you will be required to set up an additional security method. (The available security methods that display depend on your role(s) in Research.gov.)



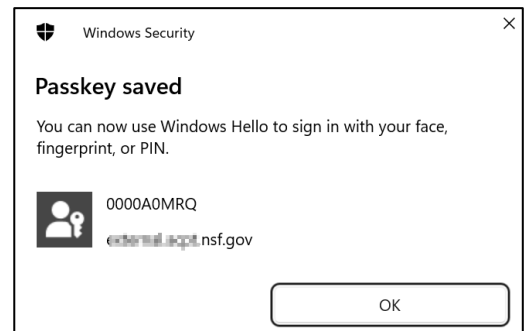
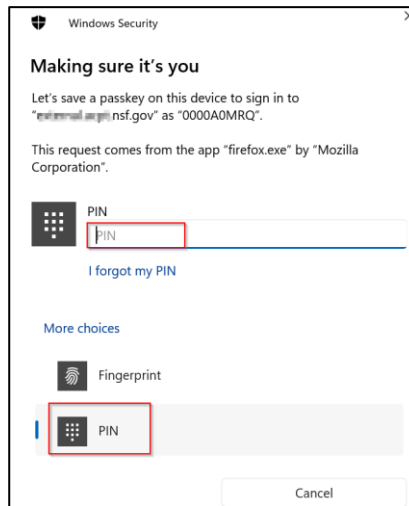
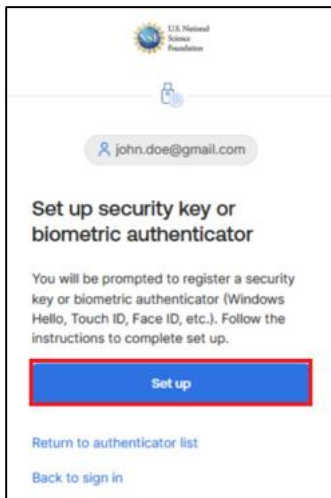
9. The Set up security methods menu appears.



10. From the browser, click **Set up** under Security Key or Biometric Authenticator from the Set up security methods screen.

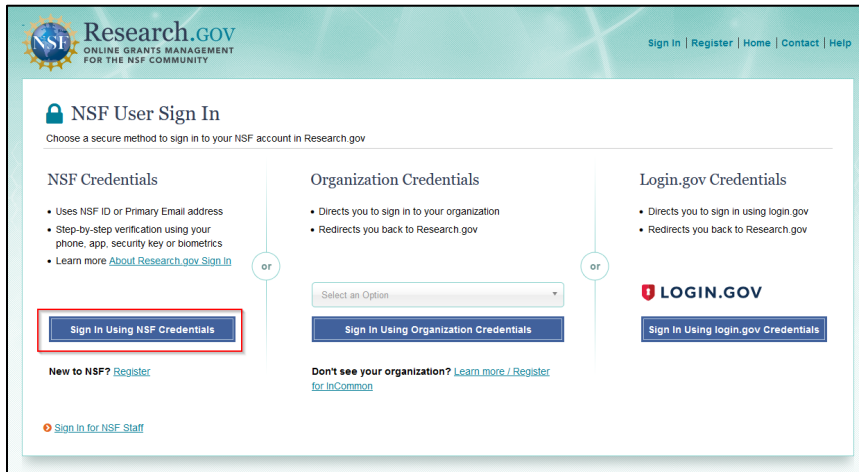


11. Click **Set up**.
12. Select PIN and enter the PIN from your Windows Hello PIN set up.
13. Click OK on the passkey saved window.

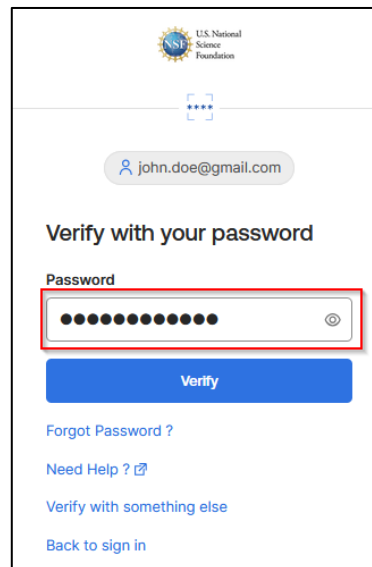
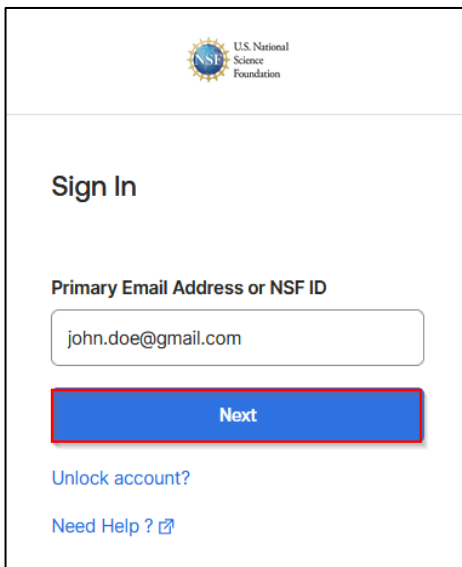


## PIN: Signing In

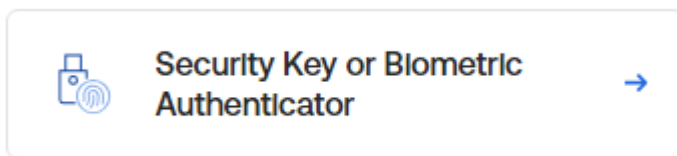
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5. Enter your password then click **Verify**.



6. Select the **Security Key or Biometric Authenticator** to use the PIN option.



If you do not see a PIN option, select More choices.

7. Enter the PIN from your Windows Hello PIN set up.
8. Once you enter your PIN, you will be authenticated and navigated to the application you are trying to access.

